

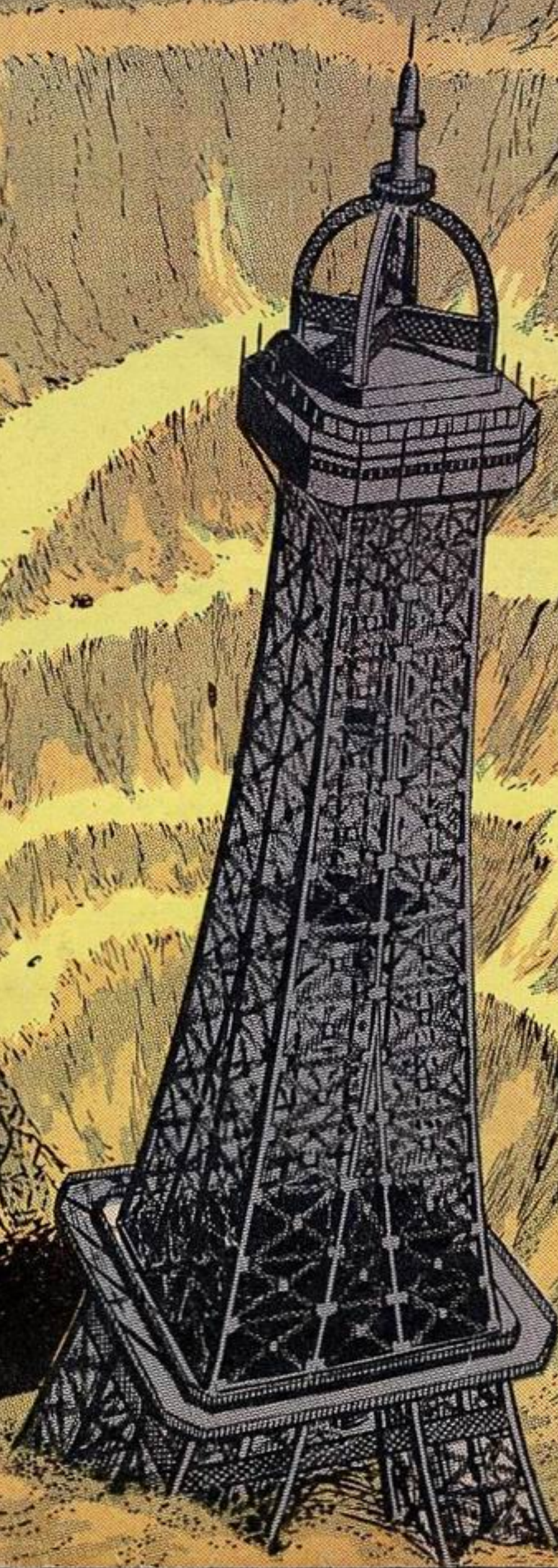
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DID YOU LIVE A THOUSAND CENTURIES AGO? YES, SAYS PROFESSOR DALTON...IN THE MOST AMAZING STORY YOU'VE EVER READ! IN THIS ISSUE...

"HOME is WHERE you FIND IT!"

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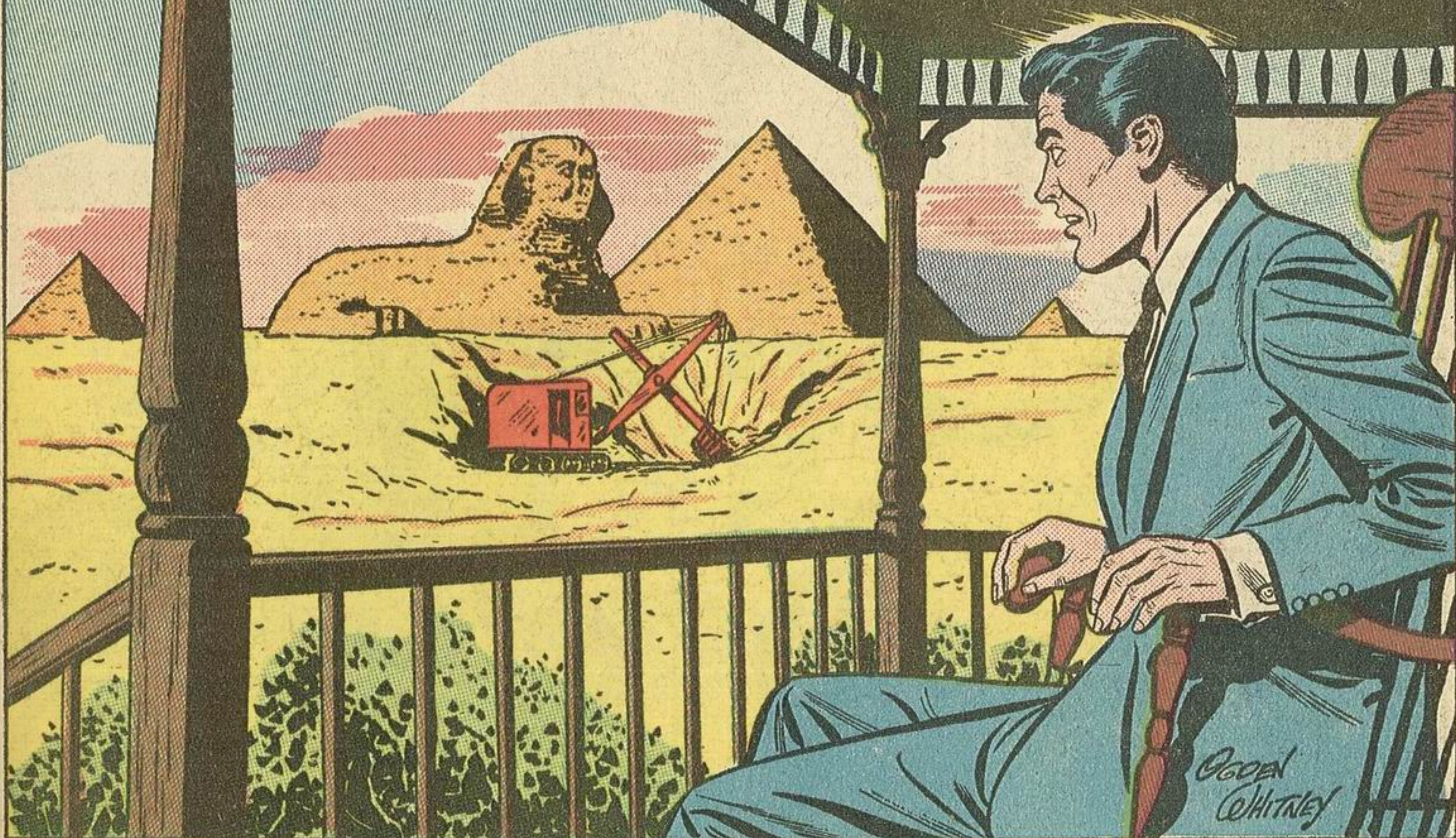
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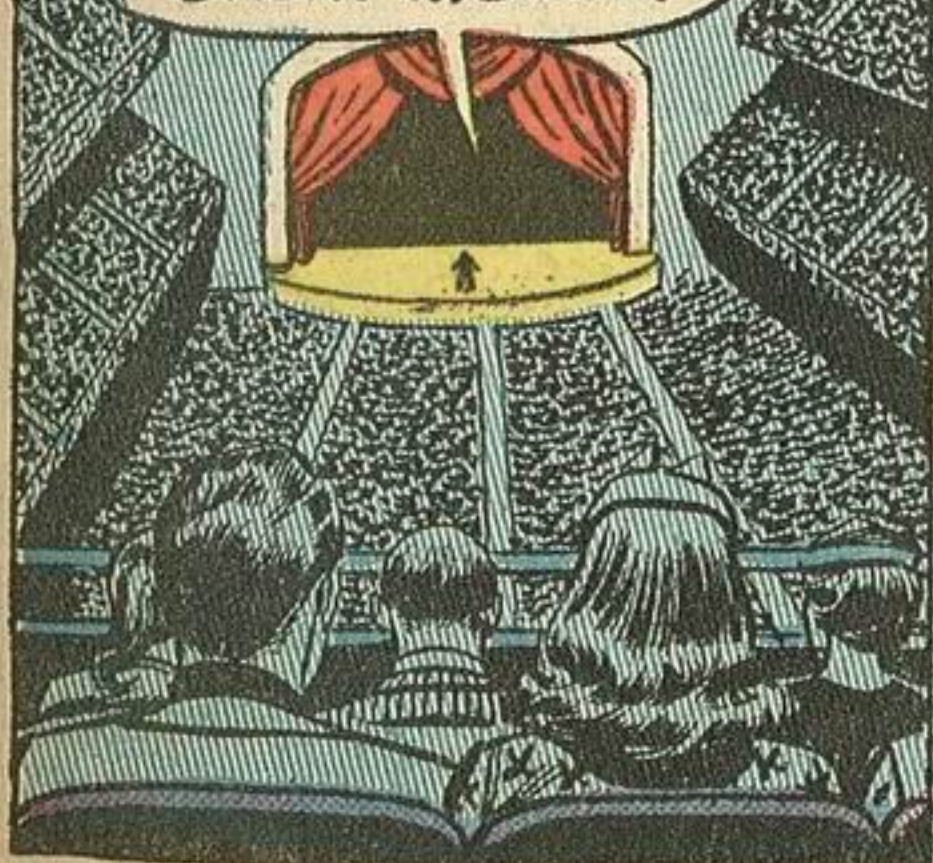
A SCIENTIST COMES UP WITH A BRAND-NEW AND AMAZING THEORY SO OUT-OF-THIS-WORLD THAT IT'LL JAR YOU TO YOUR FOUNDATIONS! SO CLIMB ABOARD AND COME ALONG WITH DR. RALPH BENTON...AND LEARN THE GASP-LADEN TRUTH THAT...

# Home is WHERE You FIND IT!



LET'S OPEN WITH DR. BENTON'S MEMORABLE ADDRESS BEFORE THE AMERICAN SCIENTIFIC ASSOCIATION...

YOU ALL KNEW **PROFESSOR DALTON**! IF ONLY HE COULD BE WITH US TONIGHT...TO HEAR ME PRESENT THE PROOF OF HIS **GREAT THEORY**!



THEORY, I SAID...BUT IT HAS BECOME **STARTLING FACT**! WHAT WOULD YOU SAY IF I TOLD YOU THAT I'M REPEATING A SPEECH WHICH I MADE BEFORE YOU **100,000 YEARS AGO**...IN THIS VERY AUDITORIUM...AND **EVERYONE OF YOU WAS LISTENING TO IT!**



RALPH BENTON'S MIND FLASHED BACK...WHERE HAD IT ALL BEGUN? PERHAPS BACK HOME IN OAKTREE CORNERS, MASS....WHEN HE WAS A KID, IN LOVE WITH THE GIRL ACROSS THE AISLE...



**PSST!**  
HEY, KATHIE...  
HERE'S A NOTE...



TIME PASSES FAST IN OAKTREE CORNERS! THE FIRST THING YOU KNEW THEY WERE IN HIGH SCHOOL... AND THEY WERE INSEPARABLE...

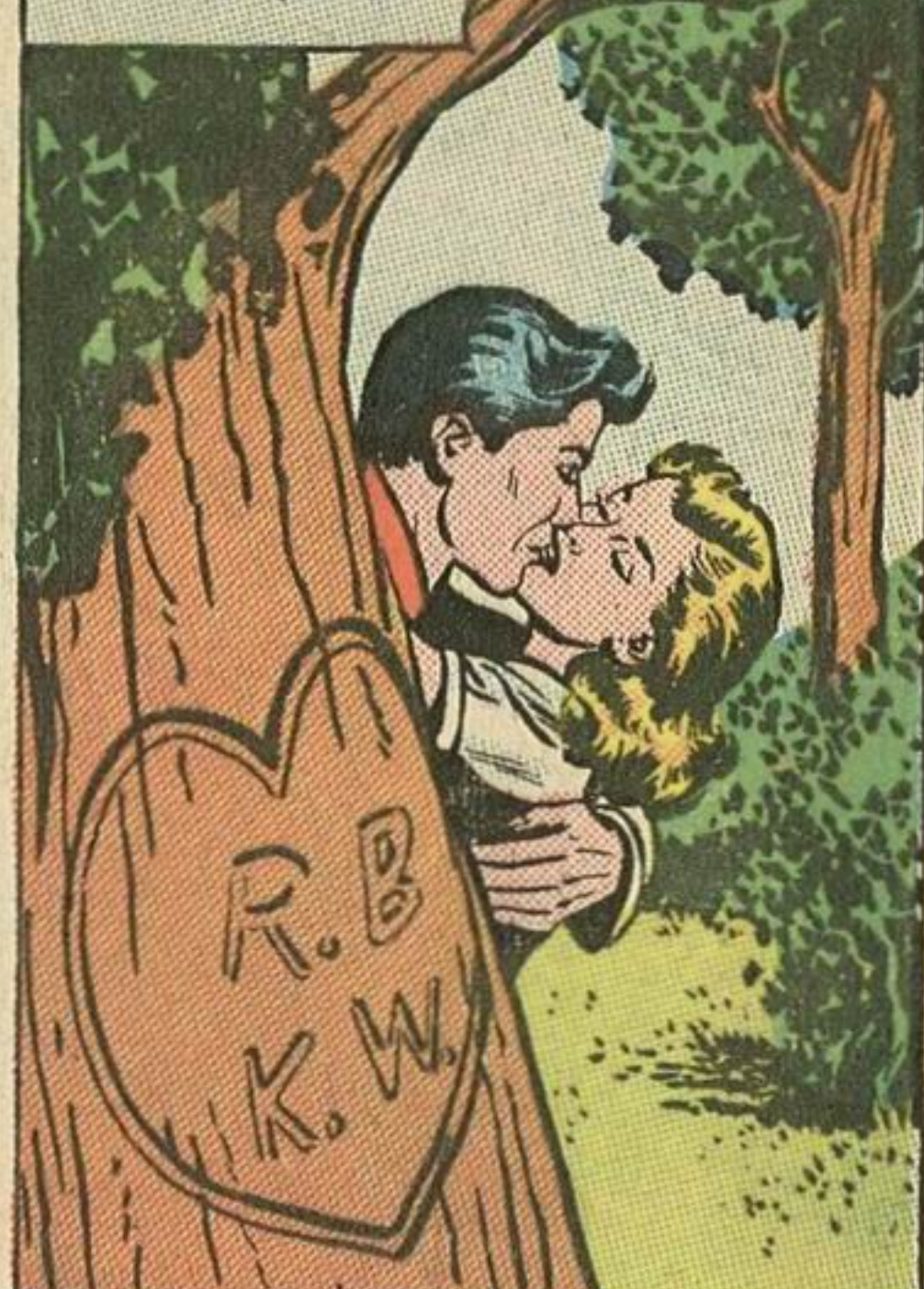
# GREEN'S



AND IT WASN'T LONG BEFORE THIS...



...LED TO THIS!



HE HUNG HIS FRATERNITY KEY ON A CHAIN AROUND KATHIE'S NECK...WHICH IN OAKTREE CORNERS WAS A SIGN THAT A GIRL WAS ENGAGED...



THAT SUMMER, WHEN RALPH CAME HOME FROM COLLEGE, HE FOUND A HANDSOME AND POLISHED NEWCOMER WHO AROUSED HIS JEALOUSY...



DARN THAT AL FERRICK... HE'S MAKING A PLAY FOR HER, I KNOW IT!

THE FOLLOWING WEEK, KATHIE PROMISED TO MEET RALPH AT THE OLD SCHOOLHOUSE TO HELP DECORATE FOR A COMMUNITY CHEST PARTY! HE ENTERED...TO FIND...



OH! YOU... SURPRISED ME!

YES...SO IT APPEARS! YOU SEEM TO FIND FERRICK'S COMPANY ATTRACTIVE, DON'T YOU... POSSIBLY MORE SO THAN MINE!

WHY, WHAT DO YOU... MEAN?

I'D...ER... BETTER BE GOIN'...



I MEAN YOU'VE TAKEN ME FOR GRANTED! I NOTICE YOU'VE TAKEN OFF MY FRATERNITY KEY...YOU DIDN'T WANT HIM TO THINK YOU WERE EVEN ENGAGED TO ME!

BUT...BUT YOU'VE GOT IT ALL **WRONG**, RALPH! I MET HIM ON MY WAY HERE...AND HE INSISTED ON COMING ALONG! HE SAID HE'D LIKE TO SEE WHAT ONE OF THESE OLD-FASHIONED SCHOOL-HOUSES LOOKED LIKE, THAT'S ALL!





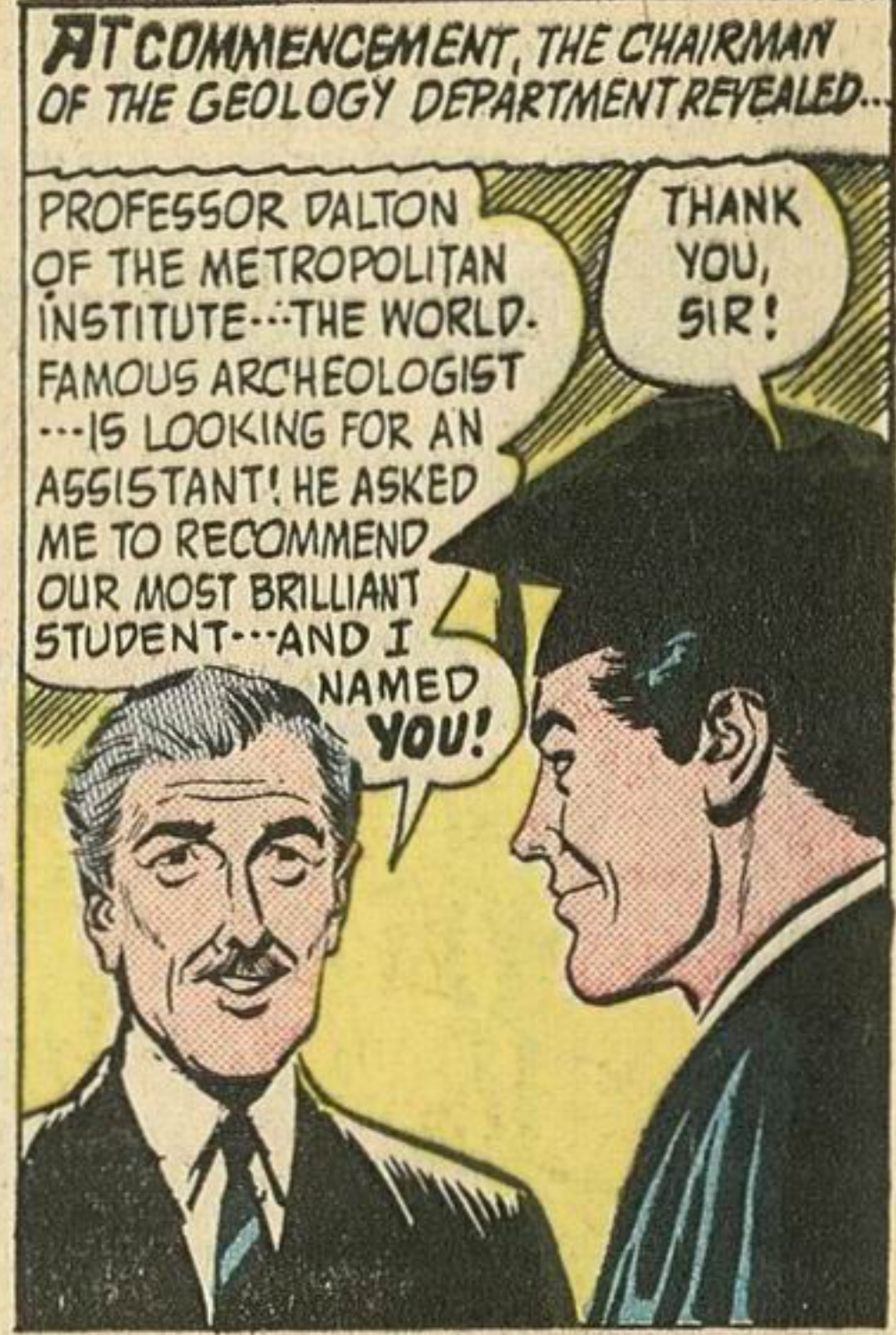


I'D LIKE TO BELIEVE THAT, KATHIE... BUT I **CAN'T!** I NOTICED YOU TWO WERE PRETTY CLOSE TO EACH OTHER WHEN I WALKED IN!

WE...WE'D JUST COME IN WHEN THE CHAIN ON WHICH I WORE YOUR KEY BROKE, AND IT FELL INTO A CRACK IN THE FLOOR! THAT'S WHY I WASN'T WEARING IT! HE...HE WAS JUST TRYING TO HELP ME FISH IT OUT!

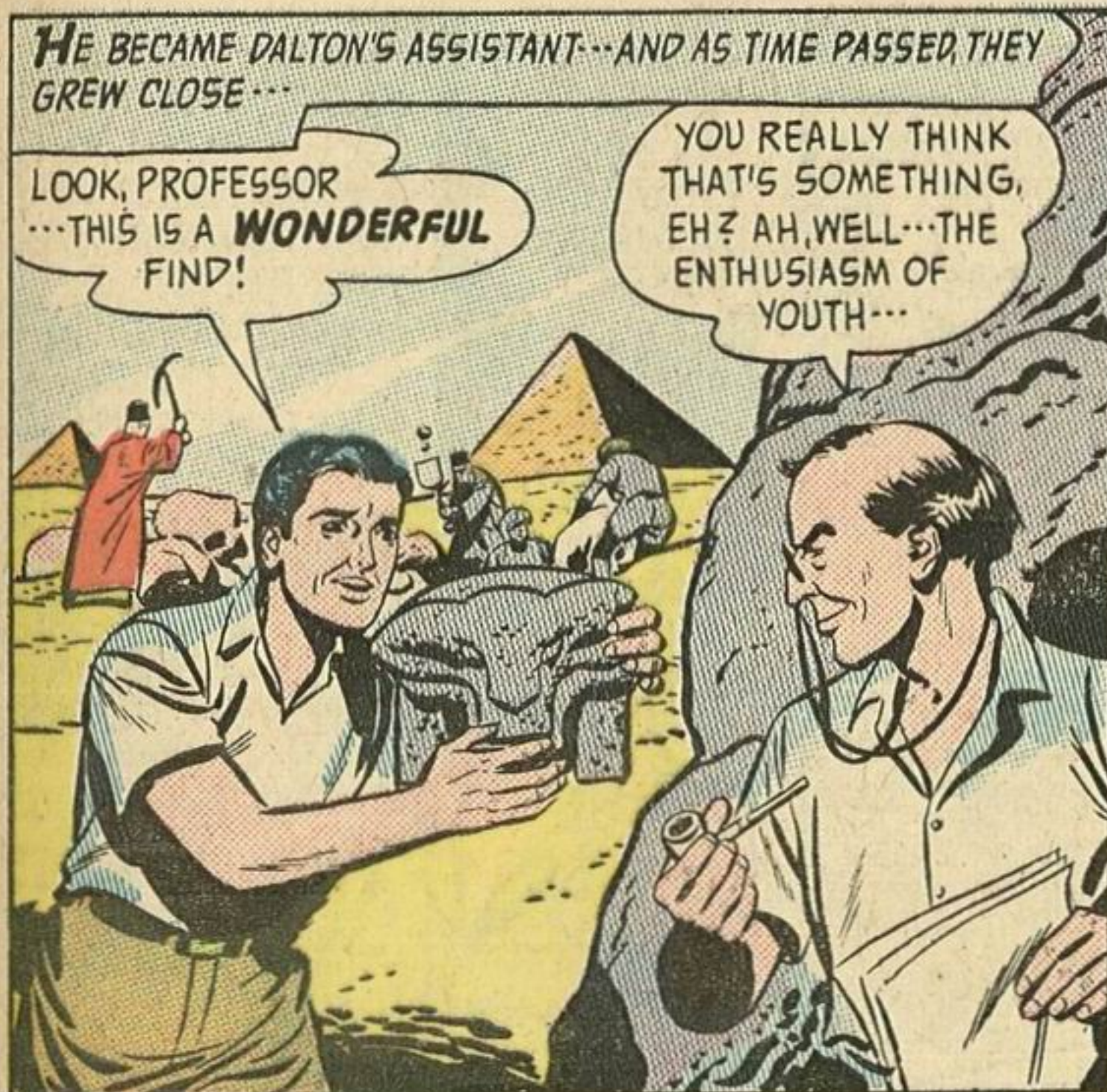


BUT RALPH WASN'T BELIEVING ANY STORY LIKE **THAT!** IN A HUFF, HE BROKE OFF THEIR ENGAGEMENT... AND AT COLLEGE, CONCENTRATED ON HIS WORK IN AN EFFORT TO FORGET HER...



AT COMMENCEMENT, THE CHAIRMAN OF THE GEOLOGY DEPARTMENT REVEALED... PROFESSOR DALTON OF THE METROPOLITAN INSTITUTE... THE WORLD-FAMOUS ARCHEOLOGIST... IS LOOKING FOR AN ASSISTANT! HE ASKED ME TO RECOMMEND OUR MOST BRILLIANT STUDENT... AND I NAMED **YOU!**

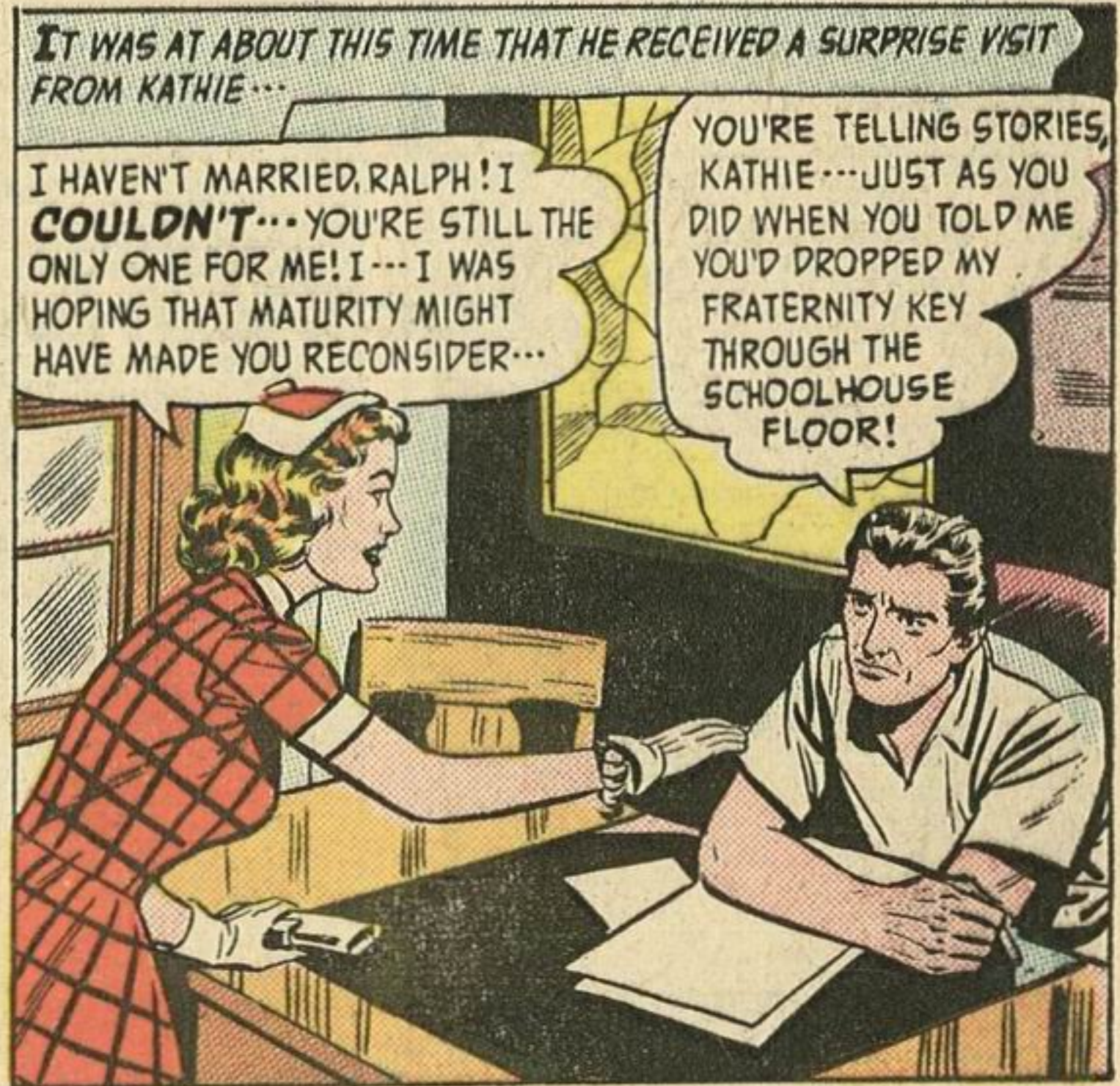
THANK YOU, SIR!



HE BECAME DALTON'S ASSISTANT... AND AS TIME PASSED, THEY GREW CLOSE...

LOOK, PROFESSOR... THIS IS A **WONDERFUL** FIND!

YOU REALLY THINK THAT'S SOMETHING, EH? AH, WELL... THE ENTHUSIASM OF YOUTH...



IT WAS AT ABOUT THIS TIME THAT HE RECEIVED A SURPRISE VISIT FROM KATHIE...

I HAVEN'T MARRIED, RALPH! I **COULDN'T**... YOU'RE STILL THE ONLY ONE FOR ME! I... I WAS HOPING THAT MATURITY MIGHT HAVE MADE YOU RECONSIDER...

YOU'RE TELLING STORIES, KATHIE... JUST AS YOU DID WHEN YOU TOLD ME YOU'D DROPPED MY FRATERNITY KEY THROUGH THE SCHOOLHOUSE FLOOR!



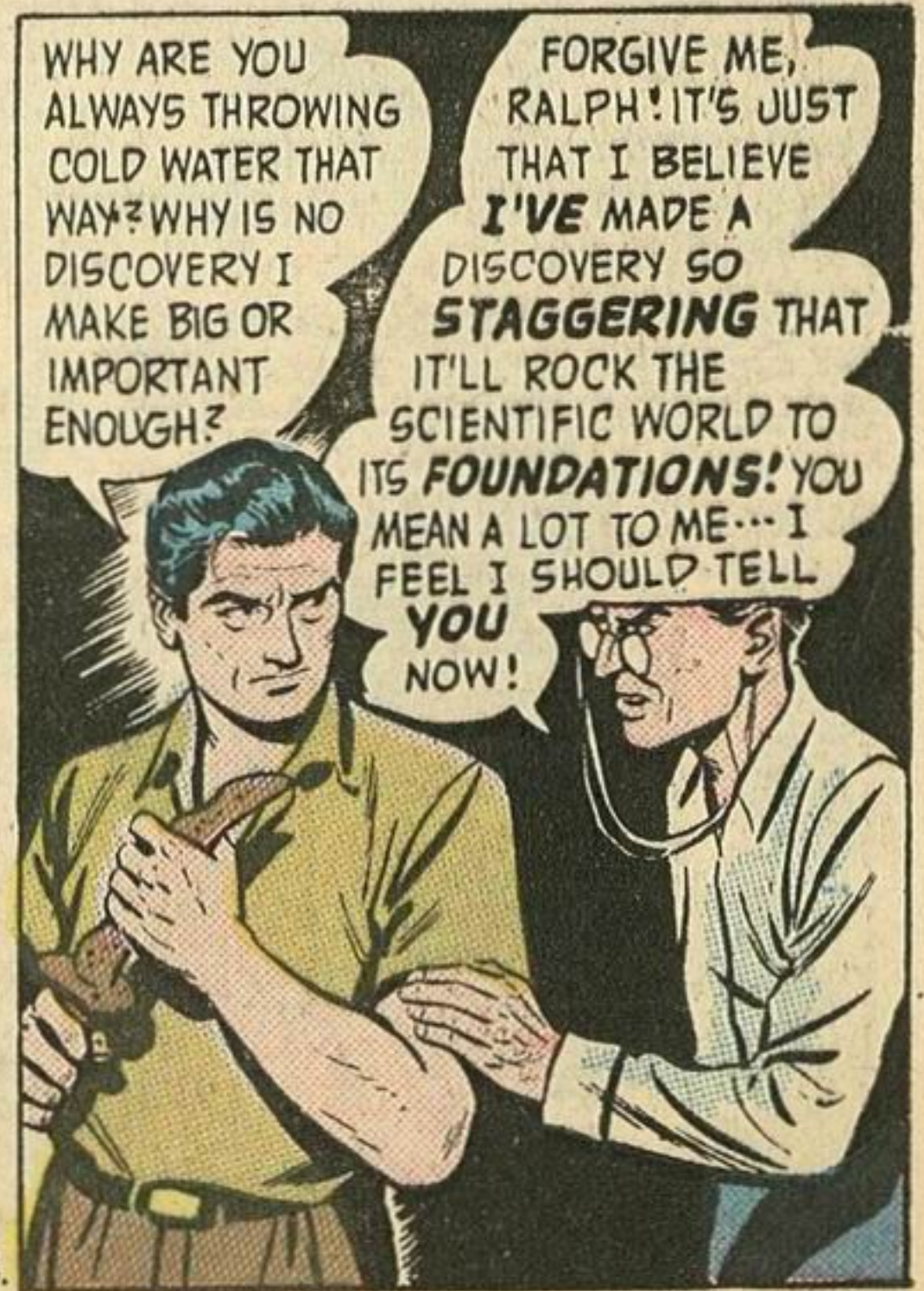
AND SINCE THERE CAN'T BE **TRUTH** BETWEEN US, WE CAN HAVE NOTHING IN COMMON... NOW OR EVER! **GOODBYE, KATHIE!**



HE HID HIS OWN GRIEF IN HIS ARCHEOLOGICAL EFFORTS! BY NOW, PROFESSOR DALTON WAS LIKE A FATHER TO HIM...

HERE'S SOMETHING **AMAZING**... A STONE KNIFE SUCH AS I'VE NEVER SEEN!

AND YOU THINK IT'S IMPORTANT, DO YOU? WELL, WELL!



WHY ARE YOU ALWAYS THROWING COLD WATER THAT WAY? WHY IS NO DISCOVERY I MAKE BIG OR IMPORTANT ENOUGH?

FORGIVE ME, RALPH! IT'S JUST THAT I BELIEVE I'VE MADE A DISCOVERY SO **STAGGERING** THAT IT'LL ROCK THE SCIENTIFIC WORLD TO ITS **FOUNDATIONS!** YOU MEAN A LOT TO ME... I FEEL I SHOULD TELL **YOU** NOW!

3.



IT BEGAN TEN YEARS AGO, WITH A ROUTINE EXPEDITION TO THE POLAR REGIONS, IN SEARCH OF TRACES OF A PREHISTORIC ESKIMO CIVILIZATION---



"WE HAD TO TUNNEL PRETTY DEEP, BUT WHAT I UNCOVERED WASN'T ESKIMO! INSTEAD---"

I...I DON'T GET IT! I'VE SEEN PICTURES OF A KENTUCKY TOWN AROUND THE YEAR 1800 ---AND **THIS** IS A DEAD RINGER FOR IT!



"SEPARATED BY A DISTANCE WAS ANOTHER HOUSE---A ROUGH LOG CABIN---

IT LOOKS LIKE THE SORT OF PLACE WHERE EARLY AMERICAN PIONEERS MIGHT HAVE LIVED!



"INSIDE THE CABIN I FOUND A SHOVEL, WITH A NAME SCRAWLED ON IT! I JUST HAD TIME TO PHOTOGRAPH IT BEFORE THE WHOLE SETTLEMENT CRUMBLLED INTO DUST BECAUSE OF EXPOSURE TO THE AIR! BELIEVE IT OR NOT, RALPH--- **THIS IS WHAT I PHOTOGRAPHED!**"



OH, COME NOW, PROFESSOR--- YOU DON'T EXPECT ME TO SWALLOW **THAT!**

WAIT--- THERE'S A **SECOND** OCCURRENCE I'VE GOT TO TELL YOU! IT WAS IN EGYPT IN 1951---I'D UNCOVERED SOME TYPICAL RUINS AND WAS DIGGING DEEPER TO MAKE SURE I'D EXCAVATED EVERYTHING---



"WHAT I FOUND BENEATH WAS SO STUPENDOUS THAT I DOUBTED MY OWN EYES! IT WAS LUCKY THAT I HAD MY CAMERA WITH ME---

GOOD HEAVENS, IT---IT'S STARTING TO TURN TO DUST! I'D BETTER GET A PICTURE **FAST!**



"GO AHEAD AND LAUGH IF YOU WANT---BUT HERE'S THE PICTURE I SNAPPED AT THE BOTTOM OF AN EGYPTIAN EXCAVATION!"

WHAT THE...! IT'S **NOTRE DAME** ---IN **PARIS!**





"OUT OF THESE ODD PHENOMENA CAME THE GERM OF MY STRANGE THEORY! THEY SAY HISTORY REPEATS ITSELF, AND I'VE COME TO BELIEVE THAT IT DOES... IN AN INCREDIBLE FASHION!"

ALL LIFE IS GOVERNED BY A RIGID CYCLE---AND CONSTANTLY **RECURS**, AT INTERVALS OF ABOUT 100,000 YEARS! FOR INSTANCE, THE CITY OF NEW YORK MUST HAVE EXISTED IDENTICALLY 100,000 YEARS AGO---AND HAS NOW RECURRED AS WE KNOW IT!



LIFE CONSISTS OF CONSTANT **REPETITION**! WHAT EXISTS NOW EXISTED FAR BACK IN HISTORY---AND WILL EXIST AGAIN 100,000 YEARS IN THE FUTURE! AND EVERYTHING WILL BE IDENTICAL, EXCEPT FOR **LOCATION**, WHICH CHANGES BECAUSE OF THE SHIFTING OF THE EARTH'S SURFACE AS THE AGES PASS!



THERE IT IS...I'LL MAKE IT PUBLIC WHEN MY STUDIES ARE COMPLETE! SOON I'LL BE ABLE TO DETERMINE EXACTLY AT WHAT TIME AND INTERVAL THESE THINGS REPEAT THEMSELVES---AND EXACTLY WHERE WE'D BE ABLE TO FIND THESE IDENTICAL RELICS OF THE PAST! WHAT DO YOU THINK OF IT?

PROFESSOR... YOU'VE BEEN WORKING TOO HARD!



PROFESSOR DALTON WAS HURT BY RALPH'S DISBELIEF---

IF ONLY I COULD GET HIS COOPERATION! IT'S MY GREATEST DREAM TO GET MY THEORY ACCEPTED---AND I'M AFRAID MY HEALTH WON'T ALLOW ME TO DO MUCH MORE WORK ON IT!



SEVERAL MONTHS LATER---

YOU SAY THE PROFESSOR'S BEEN TAKEN TO THE HOSPITAL---THAT HE'S DYING OF A **HEART ATTACK**? I...I'LL GET RIGHT OVER---



THERE WASN'T MUCH TIME LEFT---

I...I'D BEEN MAKING PLANS FOR---ANOTHER EXPEDITION---GREATEST---ARCHEOLOGICAL FIND---IN HISTORY! PLEASE, RALPH---

DON'T TRY TO TALK---WHATEVER IT IS, I'LL GO AFTER IT! YOU CAN BE SURE OF THAT!



HERE'S---**MAP**! AND PROMISE---YOU'LL OPEN THIS LETTER---ONLY **AFTER** YOU'VE MADE---YOUR FIND---

I PROMISE, PROFESSOR!



THE MAP SET FORTH A SECTION OF INDIA THAT WAS WILD, UNEXPLORED---





THE EXPEDITION PENETRATED INTO AREAS UNTRODDEN BY LIVING MAN...



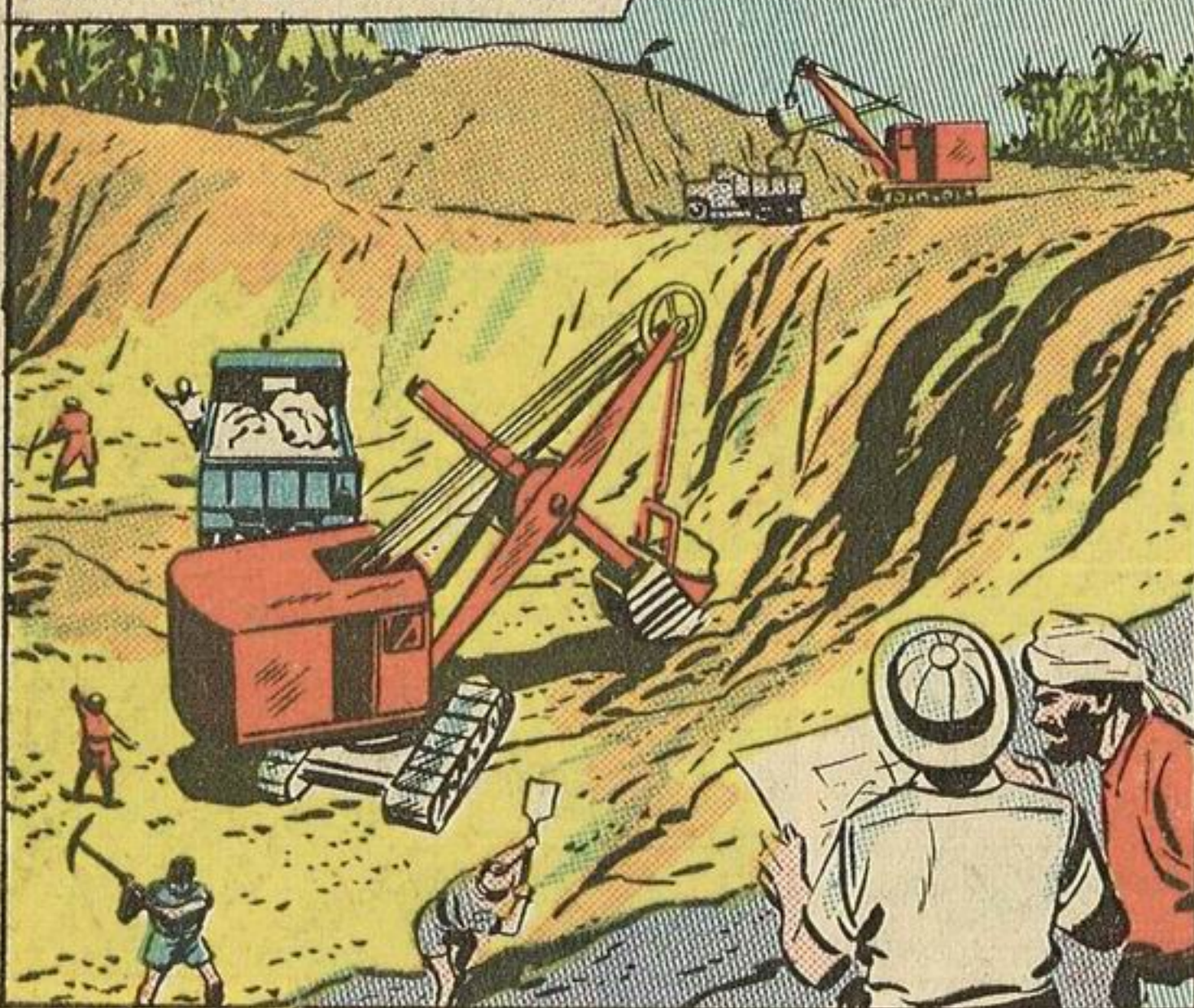
THEY ENCOUNTERED SWIFT AND SUDDEN DANGERS...



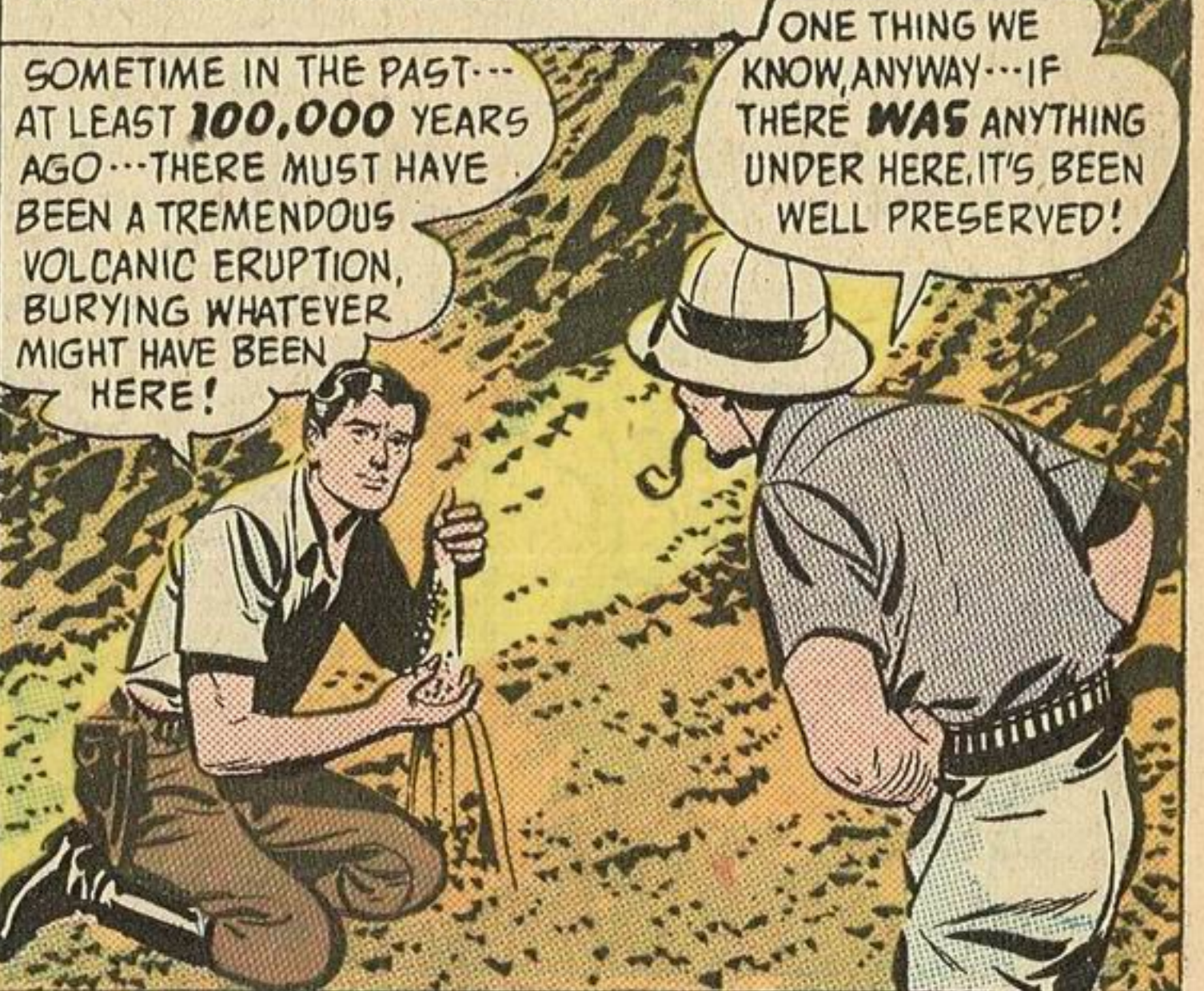
...PERILS WHICH SCATTERED THEM LIKE CHAFF...



BUT FINALLY THEY ARRIVED AT THE DESIGNATED SPOT! DIGGING EQUIPMENT WAS FLOWN IN...AND THE BIG EXCAVATION JOB COMMENCED!



DOWN, DOWN THEY DUG...BUT THERE WAS NOTHING! COULD IT BE THAT PROFESSOR DALTON HAD BEEN **WRONG**? THEN...A HEAVY LAYER OF SOLID VOLCANIC ASH...



THEN, THE VERY NEXT DAY...AN AMAZING DISCOVERY!

IF...IF THIS WASN'T A THOUSAND CENTURIES OLD...I'D ALMOST SWEAR IT WAS THE CHURCH BACK IN **OAKTREE CORNERS, MASS.!**

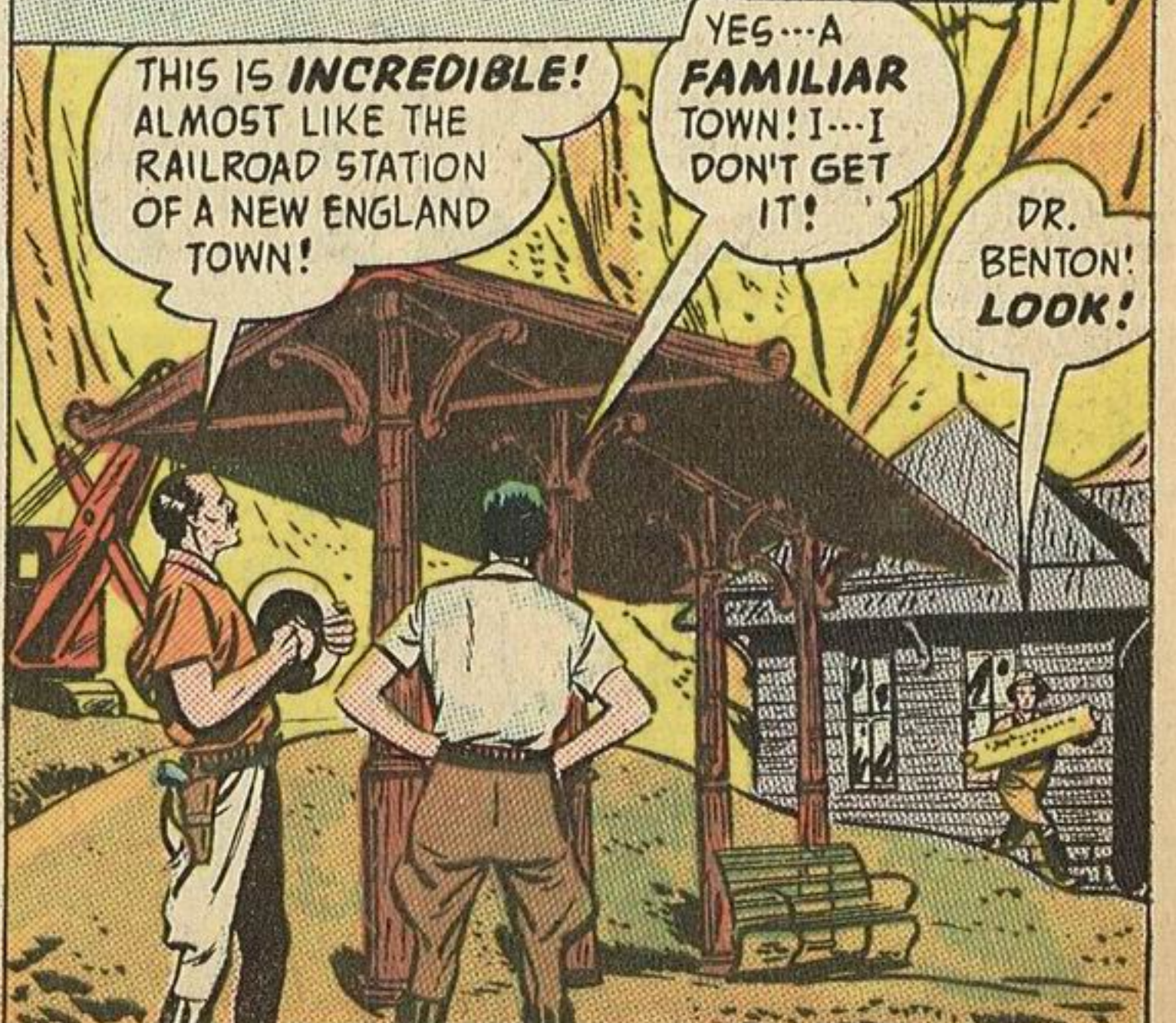


AS THE STEAM SHOVELS CREAKED AND GROANED...OTHER STRANGE THINGS CAME TO LIGHT...

THIS IS **INCREDIBLE!** ALMOST LIKE THE RAILROAD STATION OF A NEW ENGLAND TOWN!

YES...A **FAMILIAR** TOWN! I...I DON'T GET IT!

DR. BENTON! **LOOK!**









THEN HE REMEMBERED THE SEALED LETTER PROFESSOR DALTON HAD GIVEN HIM---TO BE OPENED ONLY AFTER HE'D MADE THE GREAT FIND---

Dear Ralph:-

If you've found what I sent you after, you'll realize that my theory was true--- that whatever we know in life has existed before. I knew that the best means to convince you was finding the very spot you knew best, your own hometown---and showing you that it had existed in its exact form 100,000 years ago.

"IT TOOK A LOT OF WORK TO PLOT ITS LOCATION, AND I'M ENCLOSING THE FORMULA WHICH I USED. IF I WAS RIGHT, PUBLICIZE MY WORK, REVEAL IT TO THE WORLD!"

I SURE **WILL**, PROFESSOR! BUT THERE'S SOMETHING I'VE GOT TO DO **FIRST!**

SEVERAL WEEKS LATER---BACK IN OAKTREE CORNERS, MASS.---

WONDER WHO **THAT** CAN BE? I WASN'T EXPECTING ANYONE---

RAP!  
RAP!

WELL, YOU ARE **NOW**---THAT IS, IF YOU'LL **HAVE** ME! I'VE BEEN TERRIBLY UNFAIR TO YOU, KATHIE---NOT BELIEVING THE **TRUTH** WHEN YOU SPOKE IT--- AND I WANT TO SPEND THE **REST** OF OUR LIVES **MAKING** IT UP TO YOU!

M-MAYBE I **SHOULDN'T**---BUT ---BUT JUST TRY **GETTING** AWAY!

R-RALPH!  
WHAT---

I'M ASKING THE QUESTIONS! YOU **MARRIED** YET?

N-NO---

**ENGAGED?**

NO---

I GUESS AFTER THE PLACES YOU'VE BEEN, **OAKTREE CORNERS** CAN'T LOOK LIKE VERY MUCH!

ON THE CONTRARY, YOU DON'T KNOW HOW GOOD IT ACTUALLY LOOKS WITH **PEOPLE** IN IT--- ESPECIALLY **YOU!**



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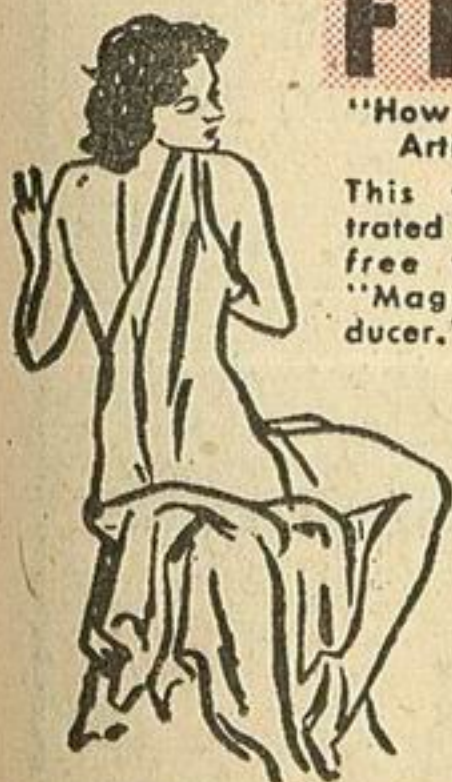
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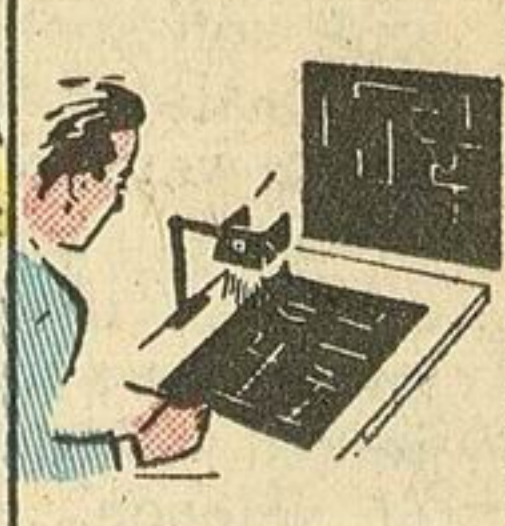
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# ISLAND RESCUE

**H**ERE'S A story that was passed on to us by a reader. He swears it really happened, but we're a bit harder to convince. It happened during World War II when a Jap submarine torpedoed a liner. We have no information on what happened to anyone aboard outside of two persons, who managed to clamber aboard a life raft. They suffered untold hardships of hunger, thirst and sunburn until they were finally cast up on the shore of a small atoll. They were the only humans there, but what did that matter? Their lives had been miraculously spared! There was wild animal life and fruit aplenty, as well as fish from the sea, so it was clear that they were in no immediate danger.

Offhand, we can't think of two men more dissimilar than these castaways. One was Dr. Horace Adamson, the well-known physicist. The other was Swami Butajore, an Indian mystic. Dr. Adamson was a strong-willed, bellowing man who insisted that there was nothing in the world outside of known physical science. The Swami, old and soft-spoken, claimed to work magic, and insisted that it was just as scientific, in its way, as the physical laws which Dr. Adamson stressed. It was just a *different* kind of science, he said, depending in part upon extra-sensory perception. "Nonsense!" jeered Adamson. "There's only *one* kind of science...mine...and it'll bring us rescue from this island, just wait and see!"

And so the doctor set to work. He rigged huge conch shells to catch the wind in a way that made them sound forth like huge air raid sirens. He sent up hot air balloons, moored to the tallest trees, hoping to attract the attention of some passing ship or plane. He mixed chemicals which he compounded on the atoll, and from them made flares. But nothing worked...*nothing*. Finally, he tried his last hope...a massive

chemical smoke signal. As it died down at last, he turned in bitter disappointment towards Swami Butajore. "It's *my* turn now," said the old man, smiling. Sitting cross-legged on the ground, he raised a weird chant, rocking back and forth and passing his hand before his face in odd, cabalistic motion. "Stupid rigmarole!" muttered Dr. Adamson. "I'm going to sleep!"

Early next morning, both men were awakened by the most wonderful sound they'd ever heard...the blasting of a boat's whistle. And there it was, anchored offshore...an American cruiser! When they were taken aboard and brought into the presence of the captain, Dr. Adamson couldn't resist a triumphant dig. "Our old friend here had some mighty strange notions!" he told the captain smugly. "Told me he was going to work an old Indian magic that would get us rescued. Let's see, what did you call it, Swami?"

"The pillar of cloud", answered the old man, blandly. "It's a magic based on our ancient scientific laws!"

"Your scientific laws...that's a laugh! Listen, what brought this ship to the atoll was my chemical smoke signal! They must have spotted it before sundown yesterday and it took them this long to get here! Am I right, captain?"

"I can't answer that," the captain retorted helplessly. "All I know was that, from a great distance, we spotted drifting, dark vapors over the Island! Sure, they *could* have been smoke..."

"What did I tell you?" asked Dr. Adamson complacently.

"...or, on the other hand, they *could* have been a pillar-like cloud formation!"

"It is as I said!" smiled Swami Butajore.

What do you think, reader?



# OVER the LINE!

**DURING THE SECOND WORLD WAR, THE ENEMY-HELD OIL FIELDS OF YUGOSLAVIA WERE A FAVORITE TARGET OF AMERICAN BOMBERS---**



**FOR FIGHTER PILOT STEVE KRENSIC, DANGEROUS MISSIONS HAD BECOME ROUTINE, BUT THIS FLIGHT WAS SOMETHING SPECIAL, FOR HIS FAMILY HAD EMIGRATED FROM YUGOSLAVIA---**



**A DIRECT HIT DESTROYED HIS CONTROLS! AS THE PLANE HURTLED TOWARD DESTRUCTION, HE HIT THE SILK---**



**THE MOMENT HE HIT HE BURIED HIS CHUTE AND TOOK COVER---NONE TOO SOON---**



**AFTER DARK HE STARTED STEALTHILY CROSS-COUNTRY! BUT HE'D TWISTED HIS ANKLE UPON LANDING, AND THE PAIN WAS BECOMING INTENSE---**



**BUT THERE WAS NOTHING! UNABLE TO SUSTAIN HIS WEIGHT, HE WAS FORCED TO HOLE UP---**





IT WAS DAYLIGHT WHEN HE FELT HIMSELF BEING SHAKEN...



HUH? WHAT...?

SHHH! I'M GOING TO HELP YOU... BUT DON'T MAKE ANY NOISE!

SHE BROUGHT HIM FOOD...

I...I CAN'T THANK YOU ENOUGH! BUT WHY ARE YOU RISKING YOUR NECK...FOR ME?



ASK NO QUESTIONS! I'VE GOT TO GET YOU TO OUR UNDERGROUND FIGHTERS! THEY'LL KNOW HOW TO SNEAK YOU THROUGH TO THE ALLIES!

HIDING HIM IN A LOAD OF HAY, THE GIRL STARTED TOWARD HER DESTINATION...

WHERE ARE YOU BOUND FOR, PRETTY ONE?

FOR THE VILLAGE MARKET, CORPORAL!



BUT SHE TOOK A DETOUR TOWARD A MOUNTAIN ROAD! AN HOUR LATER...



YOU WILL FIND FRIENDS IN THE HILLS! FAREWELL, AND BLESS YOU!

GOD BLESS YOU, WHOEVER YOU ARE!

NOT LONG AFTER, HE MADE CONTACT WITH GUERRILLA FIGHTERS...



WE HAVE A SECRET AIRFIELD NEARBY WHERE AMERICAN PLANES BRING US SUPPLIES! THEY WILL TAKE YOU BACK ON THEIR NEXT TRIP!

THAT'S PERFECT!

MONTHS LATER, HOME ON FURLOUGH, STEVE TOLD HIS FAMILY THE WHOLE INCIDENT IN COMPLETE DETAIL...



STRANGE...THAT SECTION OF YUGOSLAVIA YOU DESCRIBED...IT SOUNDS EXACTLY LIKE WHERE MY MOTHER WAS BORN, MAY SHE REST IN PEACE! MY SISTER RECENTLY SENT ME SOME OLD FAMILY PICTURES...

I'D LIKE TO SEE 'EM, DAD!

THIS IS WHAT I LOOKED LIKE AS A BOY, AND HERE'S A PHOTO OF YOUR GRANDMOTHER AS A YOUNG GIRL!



N-NO...I...I DON'T BELIEVE IT!

DAD, THAT LOOKS JUST LIKE THE GIRL WHO HELPED ME!



The END!



# The DISAPPEARANCE!

IT...IT'S A TRICK!  
THIS COULDN'T BE  
REALLY HAPPENING!

IT WAS THE MOST ASTOUNDING  
MYSTERY OF MODERN TIMES...  
ONE WHICH ROCKED A GREAT  
CITY TO ITS GRANITE FOUNDATIONS!  
THERE **HAD** TO BE SOME  
LOGICAL EXPLANATION...BUT WHAT  
IF THE SOLUTION WERE MORE  
INCREDIBLE THAN THE MYSTERY  
ITSELF?

TIME: 2 A.M.! PLACE: THE DARKENED  
HALLS OF THE COSMOPOLITAN MUSEUM  
OF ART...WHERE A SPECIAL EXHIBIT OF  
FOREIGN-OWNED MASTERPIECES WAS  
ON DISPLAY...

HI, JOE!

'LO,  
MIKE!

The GUARDS CHATTED BRIEFLY, NOTED  
THE HOUR, AND PASSED ON! A MOMENT  
LATER, ENTERING THE ROOM DEVOTED  
TO GREAT ITALIAN PAINTINGS...

THEY'RE...  
GONE!

HELP!  
COME  
QUICK!

ALL AT ONCE, THERE WAS A GREAT  
HULLABALLOO ALL OVER THE MUSEUM!  
FROM EVERYWHERE CAME FRANTIC SHOUTS...

THEY'RE  
GONE...THE  
PAINTINGS!

MINE  
TOO!

AND MY  
STATUES!





AT POLICE HEADQUARTERS...

WH-A-A-AT?

WHAT IS IT, JONES?

PRECINCT NO. 25



DETECTIVE TONY MORGAN RUSHED TO THE SCENE...

ONE MINUTE EVERYTHING WAS HERE... THE NEXT, **GONE!** AND ON EVERY FLOOR WE FOUND ONE OF **THESE GADGETS**... DON'T KNOW WHAT TO **MAKE OF 'EM!**

LOOK, FELLAS... I NEVER **HEARD** SUCH A **PHONEY** STORY!

BUT IT'S **TRUE**... WE'RE TELLING THE **TRUTH!**

OH, YEAH? YOU ALL SAY IT HAPPENED AT **TWO O'CLOCK**... AND THAT YOU CALLED US **IM-MEDIATELY!** BUT WE GOT THE CALL AT **6 O'CLOCK!**



The **GUARDS** WERE AMAZED... BUT **STUCK** ADAMANTLY TO THEIR **STORY!** LATER...

**ACTION, MORGAN...** I WANT **ACTION!** THE WHOLE CITY'S IN AN **UPROAR!**

CHIEF, I CAN'T **FIGURE** THIS! ALL THOSE **GUARDS** **COULDN'T** BE LYING! BESIDES, WHY ROB A WHOLE MUSEUM? **THE STUFF CAN'T BE SOLD!**



THE **STRANGE** OBJECTS HAD BEEN REMOVED TO POLICE HEADQUARTERS, WHERE **SCIENCE** EXPERTS EXAMINED THEM **MINUTELY...**

I... I CAN'T SAY **WHAT** IT IS! MOST **COMPLICATED** CIRCUITS I EVER SAW!

AMAZING... ABSOLUTELY **AMAZING!**



**MORGAN** WAS COMPLETELY **BAFFLED!** HOW COULD **ENORMOUS** STATUES BE REMOVED FROM THE MUSEUM WITH NO ONE **KNOWING...** AND **WHY?** HOPING FOR A **CLUE,** HE EXAMINED THE **SURROUNDING** GROUNDS...

IMPOSSIBLE... IT'S **IMPOSSIBLE!**



**WITHIN A WEEK,** HE HAD STOPPED **EATING...**

DARLING, YOU'VE GOT TO **FORGET** THAT CASE!

I **CAN'T!** HONEY, YOU CAN'T **SELL** A FAMOUS WORK OF ART! AND IF THE **GUARDS** WERE TELLING THE **TRUTH**... DARN IT, I'M GOING **NUTS!**



**AN AROUSED PUBLIC DEMANDED QUICK RESULTS! THE FOREIGN NATIONS WHICH HAD CONTRIBUTED MASTERPIECES TO THE EXHIBITION DEMANDED AN ACCOUNTING...AND DETECTIVE MORGAN COULDN'T SLEEP...**

**I'VE GOT TO DO SOMETHING! NO HARM HAVING A LOOK AT THE GROUNDS AT NIGHT!**



**THE MUSEUM LOOKED DARK AND FORBIDDING AS MORGAN MADE HIS INSPECTION! SUDDENLY, HE SPOTTED A PROWLER...**

**HEY...YOU! WHAT ARE YOU DOING HERE?**

**I...ER...I'M JUST A CURIOSITY SEEKER...**



**MORGAN NEVER FORGOT A FACE, AND HE'D SEEN THIS ONE RECENTLY...**

**I REMEMBER NOW! I SAW YOU HERE THE OTHER AFTERNOON! OKAY, BUD, WHO ARE YOU? GOT ANY IDENTIFICATION?**

**WHY...AH... COULD YOU TELL ME WHO YOU ARE, PLEASE?**



**I SURE COULD! I'M DETECTIVE TONY MORGAN...AND YOU'D BETTER COME ALONG WITH ME! I THINK YOU KNOW SOMETHING!**

**BUT I ASSURE YOU...**



**THERE WAS A STRANGE LOOK IN THE PROWLER'S EYE...AS IF HE WERE COMING TO A DECISION...**

**PLEASE, WOULDN'T IT BE POSSIBLE...TO TALK HERE? MY NAME IS...ZENNO! WE CAN HELP EACH OTHER!**

**SO YOU DO KNOW SOMETHING! YOU'LL TELL IT AT HEAD-QUARTERS!**



**SOMEHOW, ZENNO HAD SLIPPED OUT OF THE ESCAPE-PROOF HANDCUFFS...**

**IT...IT CAN'T BE! BUT I SAW IT WITH MY OWN EYES!**

**YES, AND YOU'LL SEE THE MISSING ART...YOU HAVE MY WORD! IF...IF ONLY THOSE ELECTRONIC DEVICES WERE RETURNED TO THE MUSEUM, I COULD GET IT BACK AT ONCE!**

**DEAR, DEAR! THOSE DEVICES YOU PLACED ON MY WRISTS...**

**WHAT THE...?**





BUT MORGAN WAS AGAINST MAKING ANY DEALS...

LOOKS LIKE I'LL HAVE TO TAKE YOU IN BODILY!

PLEASE, NO...

HUH? SOME STRANGE FORCE SEEMED TO LIFT ME AWAY FROM YOU!

I'M... SORRY! IT'S A FIELD OF REVERSE MAGNETISM WHICH SURROUNDS... ER... PEOPLE LIKE MYSELF!

OKAY, MISTER... NOW I'LL HAVE MY SAY AND SET THE TERMS! THERE'S SOMETHING STRANGE ABOUT YOU... BUT I TRUST YOU! I WANT YOU TO MEET ME AT THE MUSEUM TOMORROW NIGHT! I'LL HAVE THOSE GADGETS YOU WANT BACK... AND BUDDY, YOU'D BETTER PRODUCE... OR ELSE!

WHAT DO YOU MEAN, YOU WANT THE STUFF PUT BACK? YOU GOT A LEAD?

I'LL EXPLAIN IT ALL LATER, CHIEF!

AFTER DARK... IN THE EMPTY MUSEUM...

I'M LISTENING, ZENNO... WHAT'S THE STORY?

IN BRIEF, I AM A VISITOR FROM SPACE... FROM THE PLANET KARSUS! INDEED, I AM IN CHARGE OF OPERATIONS IN THIS WHOLE GALAXY!... HMM, LOOKS LIKE EVERYTHING IS IN ORDER...

YOU EXPECT ME TO BELIEVE THAT? LOOK, BUD... WHERE ARE THOSE PAINTINGS AND STATUES?

AT THE MOMENT... ON KARSUS! AND SINCE YOU DOUBT ME... I SHALL HAVE TO PROVE IT!

A HIGH WHINE FILLED THE ROOM... A STRANGE, ELECTRONIC SHRIEK...

I... I FEEL FUNNY...

DON'T BE ALARMED... YOU'RE GOING ON A JOURNEY!

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# SKINNY

MEN ARE OFTEN ASHAMED TO STRIP FOR SPORTS OR FOR A SWIM!

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MORGAN WAS HARDLY AWARE OF WHAT WAS HAPPENING, UNTIL...

GREAT GUNS!... WE'RE FLYING!

TRAVELLING AT THE SPEED OF LIGHT, THE HEAVENLY BODIES SHOT PAST LIKE TRACER BULLETS...

ATOMIZED? WH-WHAT ARE YOU TALKING ABOUT?

THOSE DEVICES TURNED YOU INTO **ELECTRICITY**...AND SIMILAR DEVICES WILL **RESTORE** YOU! YOU SEE, OURS IS AN **ADVANCED** CIVILIZATION!

NOT **QUITE**! YOU'VE SIMPLY BEEN **ATOMIZED**! DON'T WORRY... YOU'LL BE PUT BACK TOGETHER ON **KARSUS**!

SHORTLY, MORGAN BECAME USED TO HIS WEIRD STATE, AND HE WAS ABLE TO LISTEN ATTENTIVELY TO ZENNO'S EXPLANATION...

WE PEOPLE OF KARSUS HAVE BEEN VISITING YOUR PLANET FOR **DECADES**! THERE'S NOTHING THERE WE **WANT**... YOUR SCIENCE IS **PRIMITIVE**! HOWEVER, WE ADMIRE YOUR **WORKS OF ART**... AND WE HAVE BEEN MAKING **COPIES**!

WE HAVE BEEN TRANSPORTING THE CONTENTS OF YOUR MUSEUMS TO **OUR** DOMAIN... WHERE WE CAN MAKE PERFECT COPIES IN A MATTER OF HOURS! THEN WE SIMPLY **RETURN** THE OBJECTS... WITH NO ONE THE WISER!

BUT HOW DO YOU FOOL THE **GUARDS**?

THE GUARDS ARE SIMPLY PUT IN A **TRANCE** FOR THE COURSE OF A NIGHT! UNFORTUNATELY, THERE WAS A BREAKDOWN IN OUR **APPARATUS** RECENTLY... WHICH CAUSED THE UNFORTUNATE ACCIDENT! AH, **THERE'S KARSUS**!

MOMENTS LATER... A FANTASTIC SIGHT...

IT... IT'S **UNBELIEVABLE**! HEY, I-I FEEL MYSELF BEING **PULLED**!

OF COURSE... BY AN **ELECTRONIC BEAM**! JOURNEY'S END, MORGAN!

THROUGH THE WALLS OF THE GREAT GLASS DOME THEY WERE DRAWN, AND THEN...

I... I CAN **FEEL** MYSELF AGAIN!

NATURALLY... YOU'VE BEEN PUT BACK TOGETHER! PERMIT ME TO INTRODUCE SOME OF MY **ASSOCIATES**!



WE WERE **WORRIED** ABOUT YOU, ZENNO! WE HOPE THE EARTH PEOPLE HAVEN'T BEEN **UPSET** BY THIS ACCIDENT!

OH, IT'S CAUSED A GREAT FUROR! ARE WE READY TO RETURN EVERYTHING?



IT WAS THEN DETECTIVE MORGAN MADE A STARTLING DISCOVERY...

ZENNO! LOOK! MY CLOTHES! WHAT'S ON THEM?

CALM YOURSELF! IT'S MERELY THE PHOTOGRAPHIC IMAGES OF SOME OF THE CELESTIAL BODIES WE PASSED! WHEN YOU WERE **ATOMIZED**, YOU BECAME **SENSITIVE TO LIGHT**... LIKE A PHOTOGRAPHIC PLATE!



BUT NOW IT'S ALL STARTING TO **FADE**!

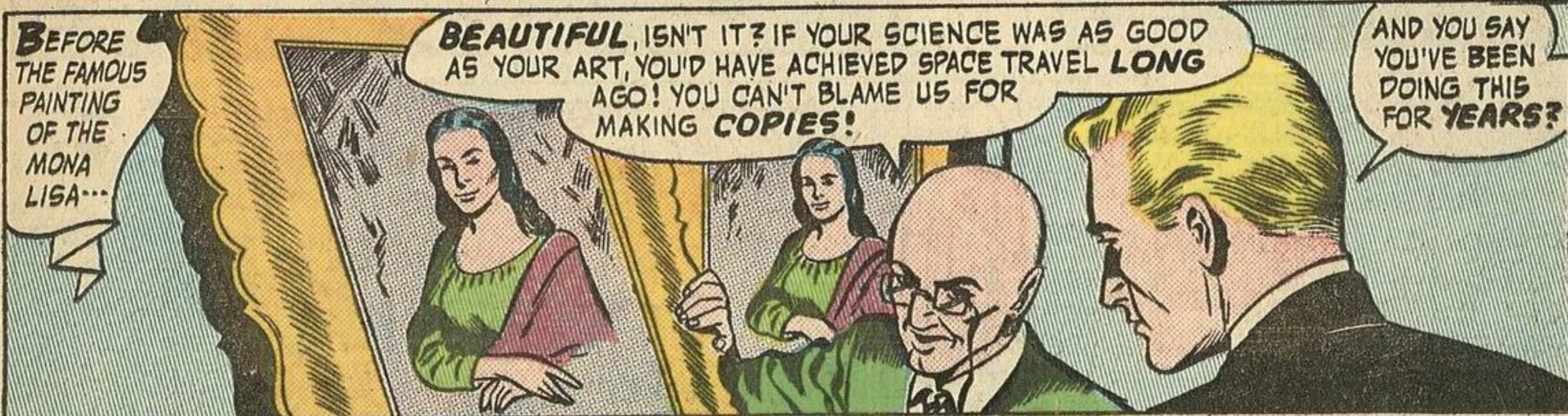
**TRUE!** THE IMAGE IS **UNSTABLE**... IT'LL BE GONE IN A FEW MINUTES!



BEFORE THE FAMOUS PAINTING OF THE MONA LISA...

BEAUTIFUL, ISN'T IT? IF YOUR SCIENCE WAS AS GOOD AS YOUR ART, YOU'D HAVE ACHIEVED SPACE TRAVEL **LONG** AGO! YOU CAN'T BLAME US FOR MAKING **COPIES**!

AND YOU SAY YOU'VE BEEN DOING THIS FOR **YEARS**?



YES, AND THIS HAS BEEN THE FIRST MISHAP! YOU SEE, WE DON'T WANT YOU EARTH PEOPLE TO **KNOW** ABOUT US! YOU ARE OUR FIRST VISITOR!

WELL, GOSH, I'D LIKE TO HAVE A LOOK AROUND!



SORRY, BUT THERE'S NO TIME! WE ARE ABOUT TO SEND EVERYTHING BACK... AND YOU'LL HAVE TO GO TOO! SORRY TO HAVE CAUSED THIS **INCONVENIENCE**!

WELL, I... I GUESS IT COULDN'T BE HELPED!



THIS TIME, IT WAS TO BE A LONELY JOURNEY...

I... I FEEL **STRANGE** AGAIN...

YOU'LL BE ON YOUR WAY SHORTLY! **BON VOYAGE**!





IN A SENSE, DETECTIVE TONY MORGAN WAS THE GREATEST EXPLORER THE EARTH HAD EVER PRODUCED...

WAIT'LL I TELL FOLKS ABOUT THIS!



TRAVELLING AT SUCH FANTASTIC SPEED, THE TRIP DID NOT TAKE LONG...

SAFE AND SOUND! GUESS I'D BETTER GO BACK TO HEADQUARTERS!



AS HE WALKED THROUGH THE QUIET STREETS...

HMMM, THOSE PHOTOGRAPHIC IMAGES ARE JUST ABOUT GONE NOW! SURE WISH I COULD HAVE INSPECTED KARSUS AT LEISURE!



THE CHIEF OF POLICE AND THE MAYOR WERE WAITING... AND WHEN HE FINISHED HIS STORY...

ARE YOU MAD? YOU EXPECT US TO BELIEVE THAT NONSENSE?

BUT IT'S TRUE... EVERY WORD OF IT!

JUST THEN, THE PHONE RANG...

WHAT'S THAT? YOU SAY ALL THE STUFF IS BACK IN THE MUSEUM? WE'LL BE RIGHT OVER!

THEY'RE RIGHT ON SCHEDULE!



MOMENTS LATER...

EVERYTHING'S BACK? NOTHING'S MISSING?

YES, IT'S ALL HERE! BUT THERE'S SOMETHING STRANGE... COME, I'LL SHOW YOU!

SEE? EVERYTHING IS IMPRINTED WITH STRANGE CELESTIAL OBJECTS! GOOD HEAVENS... THE IMAGES SEEM TO BE FADING!

WELL, I'LL BE...!

WELL, CHIEF? WHAT'VE YOU GOT TO SAY NOW?



THE END!



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# From **YOUR EDITOR-** to **YOU!**

**H**ELLO, FANS of "Forbidden Worlds"! Now that we've got your attention, we have in mind telling you some of the things that befall the editor of such a magazine as ours. Not just the everyday things, either. We don't mind saying that some unusual things happen to us. Maybe that's because a lot of folks feel that strange things *should* happen to the director of a strange story publication, even if they have to arrange them personally. Specifically, we have in mind a letter which we received some time ago on the letterhead of an organization calling itself "The Sanderson Psychic Association". A certain house, it set forth, was the scene of odd psychic phenomena...and since we were interested in out-of-the-way manifestations, would we care to verify what was taking place there? A telephone was given for the association, and upon calling, we established that nobody there would accompany us. This was definitely interesting, and your editor and an assistant lost no time in visiting the house.

It was old, broken-down and bleak. In the light of the lantern we had brought we saw nothing but cobwebs and shrouded furniture, and there was a chill that struck to the bones. But that wasn't all...far from it. Almost immediately, the "manifestations" began. A hollow rapping at the walls...occasional snatches of distant, wild music...and

then a groaning. Then, suddenly, the room was bathed in a weird blue glow. Were we frightened? Not a bit! You see, to researchers accustomed to investigating so-called psychic phenomena, all of this was child's play. It wasn't difficult to trace the blue light...it was concealed just above the ceiling, in the space between said ceiling and the floor of the room above. We knew that we'd find something else there, and did...a loudspeaker, which had been responsible for the rapping, music and groans. From it, wires led up to the attic, where a group of chagrined practical jokers learned that we weren't to be taken in *that* easily!

No, there's no such thing as a haunted house, and we never saw a ghost in our lives. They just don't exist. But that doesn't mean that there aren't strange things aplenty in this life of ours. That's because our knowledge only goes up to a certain point...and beyond is the unexplored! Which is the motivation of such a magazine as "Forbidden Worlds". It's the thing which underlies such stories as "Home Is Where Your Find It!" Its influence is felt in yarns like "The Disappearance" and "The Old Roman Coin!" If you like these stories, or have any suggestions, send a letter to The Editor, "Forbidden Worlds", 45 West 45th Street, New York 36, N. Y. Here's what a few of our other readers are saying!

"Dear Editor:-

*Congratulations on 'The Davy Crockett Mystery'...it was a real thriller all the way through! Just the sort of story I've gotten to expect from 'Forbidden Worlds'. I can't wait for your next issue!*

*...Henry Koster, Davenport, Iowa"*

"Dear Editor:-

*The October issue of 'Forbidden Worlds' was the most fascinating I've ever read. 'One Exciting Knight', the lead story, was fine...but for something super, I'll take 'Journey Into The Past'. Keep up the good work!*

*...Alvin T. Busby, Amarillo, Texas"*

"Dear Editor:-

*When I read the November issue of 'Forbidden Worlds', I was surprised to find a story I didn't like... 'The Identical Twins'. Which goes to show you're only human! 'Nine Fathoms Deep' made up for it...and then came 'The Davy Crockett Mystery' in your December number! If you can live up to that one, you're perfect!*

*...Mary Wilton Bles, Brooklyn, N. Y."*



# A BOY'S BEST FRIEND!

IT HAPPENED ALONG A LONELY BEACH ON THE NEW ENGLAND COAST...



GOSH, DADDY!  
IS HE FOR  
ME?

HE SURE IS,  
SON! HAPPY  
BIRTHDAY!

LITTLE JOHNNY SIMMS WAS FOUR YEARS OLD, AND BRIMMING WITH HAPPINESS...



HE'S BEAUTIFUL!  
I'M GONNA CALL  
HIM SPOTTY...  
BECAUSE OF  
THE SPOT ON  
HIS HEAD!

WE  
CHRISTEN  
THEE  
SPOTTY!

ARF!  
ARF!

BOY AND DOG BECAME INSEPARABLE FRIENDS...

IT WAS CERTAINLY A WONDERFUL  
IDEA GETTING HIM A PET!

THOSE TWO  
SURE LOVE EACH  
OTHER!



THE PARENTS' EYES COULD NOT BE ON THE LAD ALWAYS... THEY DIDN'T SEE HIM WANDER TOWARDS THE WATER...



GEE, YOU CAN SEE  
THE FISH SWIMMIN'!

EAGERLY, JOHNNY LEANED TOO FAR OVER, LOST HIS BALANCE, AND A TRAGEDY WAS IN THE MAKING...



ARF!

HEY! I...  
I'M  
FALLING!

THE PITILESS SEAS WOULD HAVE QUICKLY CLAIMED ANOTHER VICTIM, BUT SPOTTY ACTED QUICKLY...



H-HELP!



JOHNNY'S SHOUT BROUGHT HIS FATHER ON THE DEAD RUN, JUST IN TIME TO SEE...

IT TOOK ONLY A MOMENT TO YANK THE BOY TO SAFETY...

SEVEN YEARS LATER, THE VALIANT ANIMAL PASSED AWAY...



IN TIME JOHNNY GREW UP, MARRIED, BECAME A FATHER! HAVING INHERITED THE PROPERTY HE MADE IT HIS HOME...

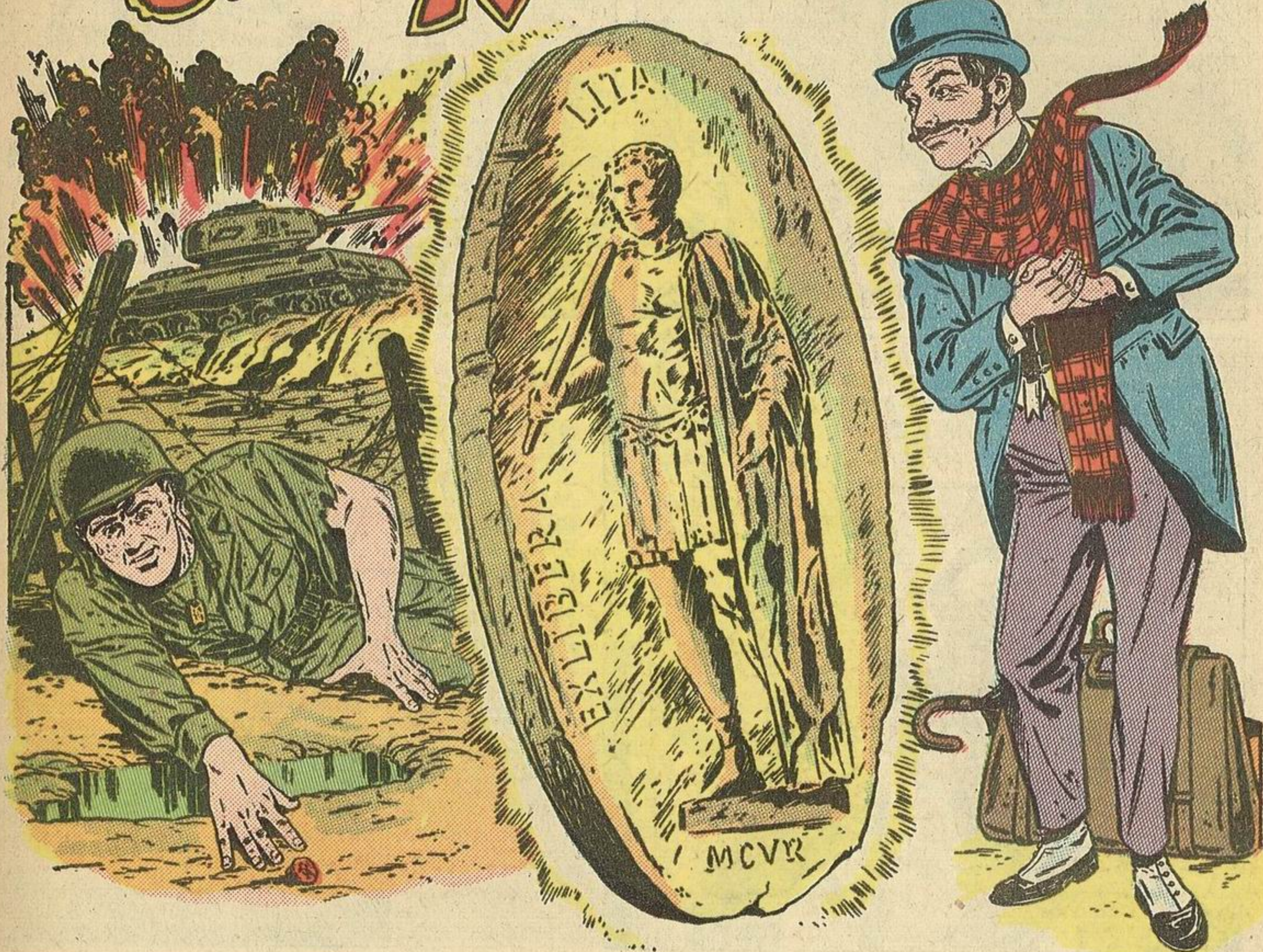
THAT SUMMER THE YOUNG COUPLE WERE SUNBATHING ON THE BEACH WHEN...



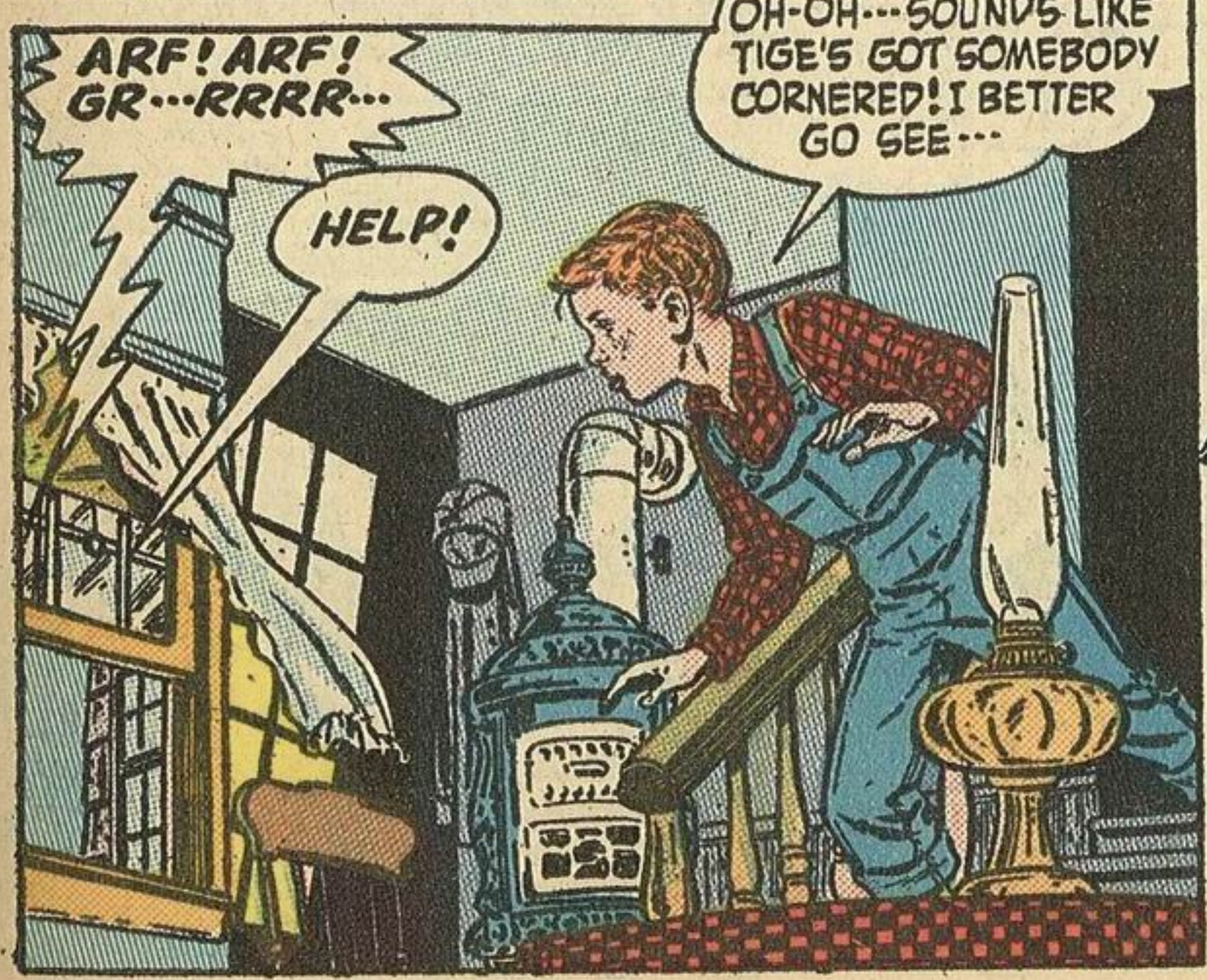


CAN A STRANGE TALISMAN BRING GOOD FORTUNE AND THEN DISAPPEAR MYSTERIOUSLY...ONLY TO EMERGE AGAIN WHEN DEATH THREATENS? NOBODY IN THEIR RIGHT MINDS WOULD BELIEVE IT...BUT TED NICHOLS KNEW DIFFERENT! YOU SEE, HE HAD MET A CERTAIN INCREDIBLE LITTLE CHARACTER...AND THROUGH HIM, HE'D LEARNED THE AMAZING MAGIC OF...

# The OLD Roman COIN!



OUR STORY OPENS ON A SUMMER DAY MANY YEARS AGO...IN A POOR NEW HAMPSHIRE FARMHOUSE...







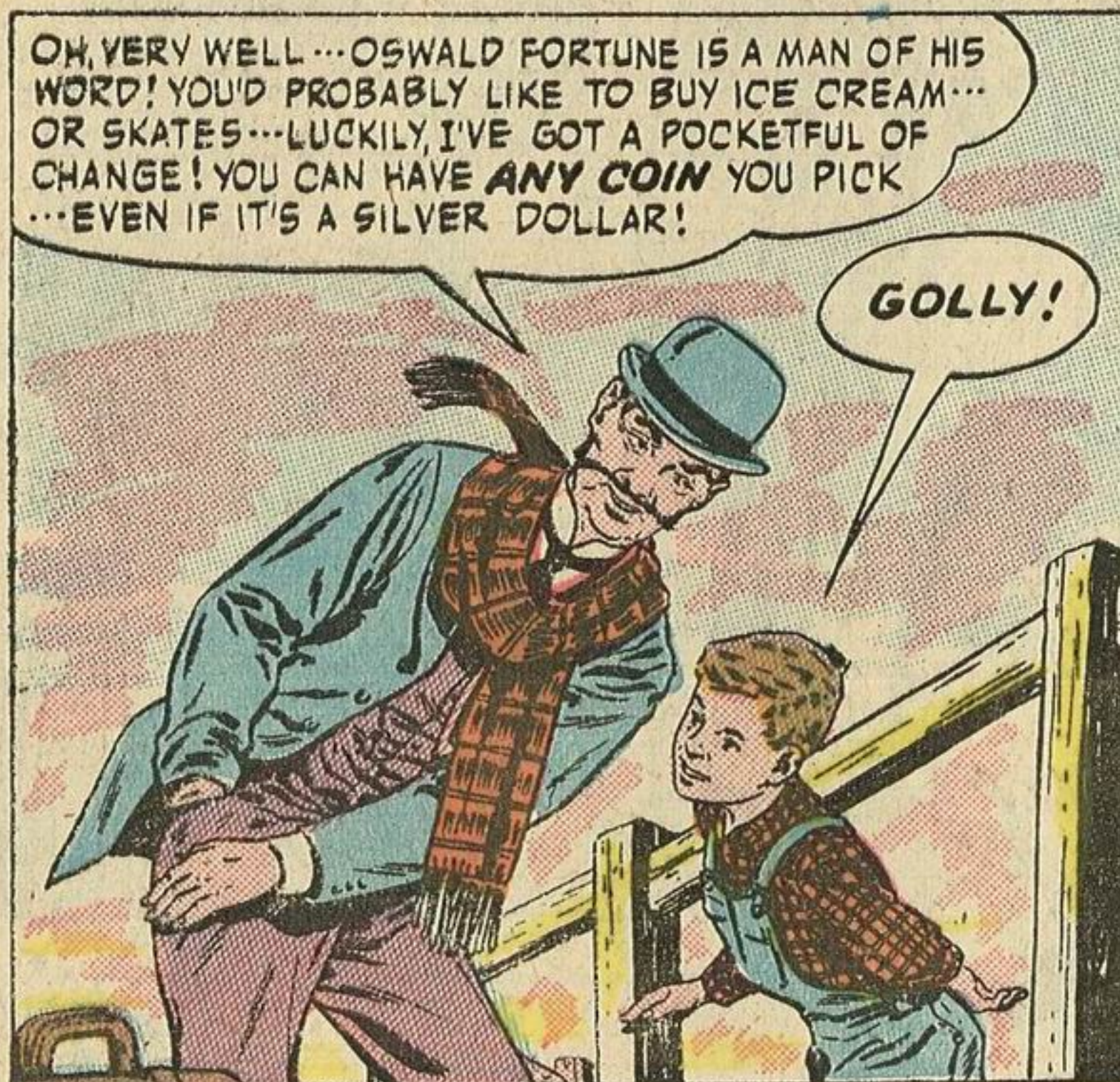
YOU, TIGE! GET INSIDE, YOU HEAR ME?

THANK HEAVENS!



THANKS, MY LAD! YOU'VE HELPED OLD **OSWALD FORTUNE**, AND HE **APPRECIATES** IT! WELL...GOODBYE!

BUT...BUT YOU PROMISED ME SOMETHING FOR SAVING YOU, AND FOLKS HAD OUGHTA **KEEP** THEIR PROMISES!



OH, VERY WELL...OSWALD FORTUNE IS A MAN OF HIS WORD! YOU'D PROBABLY LIKE TO BUY ICE CREAM...OR SKATES...LUCKILY, I'VE GOT A POCKETFUL OF CHANGE! YOU CAN HAVE **ANY COIN** YOU PICK...EVEN IF IT'S A SILVER DOLLAR!

GOLLY!

IT WAS A WONDERFUL PROSPECT FOR A POVERTY-STRICKEN CHILD! BUT AS HE SCANNED THE MONEY EAGERLY, HIS EYES SUDDENLY LIT ON SOMETHING... A **DIFFERENT** KIND OF COIN WHICH HE KNEW WOULD BUY HIM NOTHING... BUT IN HIS HEART, HE KNEW THAT HE **HAD TO HAVE** IT!



I... I WANT **THAT ONE!**



NO...NOT **THAT ONE**...I DIDN'T KNOW IT WAS WITH THE OTHERS! TAKE ANY OTHER ONE...TAKE **ALL** OF THEM...BUT NOT THE **OLD ROMAN COIN!** THERE ISN'T ANYTHING YOU CAN BUY WITH IT...

YOU SAID I COULD HAVE **ANY COIN!** WELL, THAT'S THE ONE I **WANT!**



YOU...YOU TOLD ME I COULD HAVE **ANYTHING**...

OH, VERY WELL...!



HERE IT IS! MIND YOU, NOW, THIS ISN'T A GIFT! LIKE GOOD FORTUNE, THE **OLD ROMAN COIN** IS ONLY **LENT**...WHEN YOU **NEED** IT!

NO SIR, I'M GONNA **KEEP** IT! IT'LL **NEVER** LEAVE ME!



LITTLE TED WAS PROUD OF THE NEW POSSESSION WHICH FASCINATED HIM SO... EVEN WHEN HIS ELDERS THOUGHT THAT HE'D MADE AN UNWISE CHOICE...

GOSH, DAD, AIN'T IT WONDERFUL?

YOU'RE SOFT IN THE HEAD, SON! YOU'D BETTER HAVE TAKEN SOME MONEY FOR ICE CREAM THAN **THAT** USELESS OLD THING!



IT WAS THE VERY NEXT DAY THAT HE ACCOMPANIED HIS FATHER ON A HUNTING TRIP...

THAT MOUNTAIN-LION'S BEEN RAISIN' NED WITH OUR STOCK, AN' THIS TIME WE'RE GONNA **GET** HIM!

WE'LL BE GOIN' THROUGH SOME HARD COUNTRY, TED! SURE YOU DON'T WANNA TURN BACK?

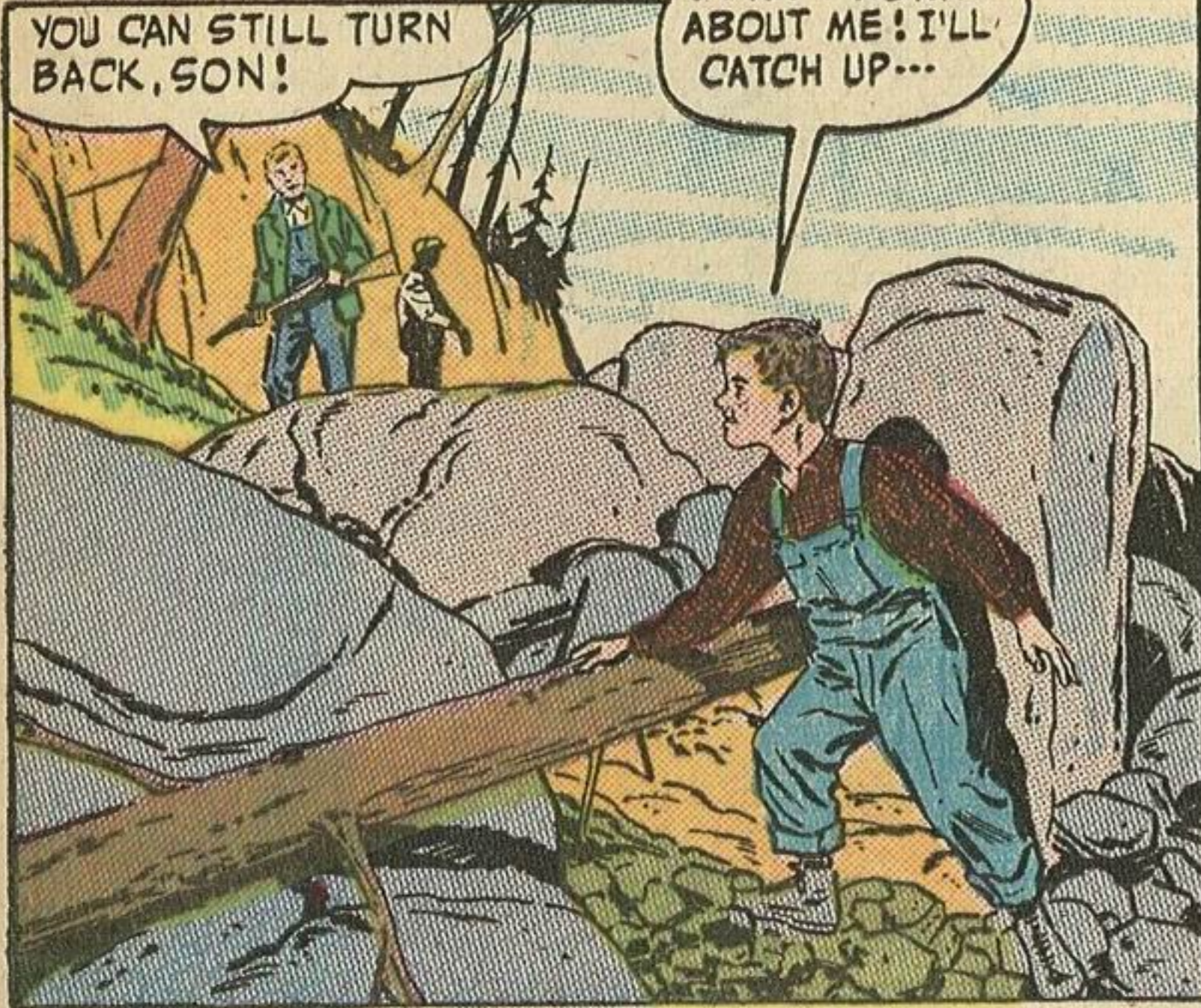
NOPE! I CAN MAKE IT, DAD... YOU'LL SEE!



The TRAIL LED INTO THE MOUNTAINS! IT WAS TOUGH GOING ---AND THE BOY FELL BEHIND---

YOU CAN STILL TURN BACK, SON!

DON'T... WORRY ABOUT ME! I'LL CATCH UP...



STRUGGLING UP THE ROUGH AND TREACHEROUS INCLINE...

OOPS... I SLIPPED...



AS HE ROLLED DOWN THE SLOPE, A CASCADE OF DIRT AND STONES UNLEASHED THAT DEADLY MOUNTAIN MENACE... **AVALANCHE!**

LOOK, NICHOLS... IT'S A LANDSLIDE!

TED! HE... HE'S GONE... BURIED SOMEWHERE IN ALL THAT RUBBLE!



FRANTICALLY, THEY SEARCHED... BUT WHO COULD TELL WHERE AMONG THOSE THOUSANDS OF TONS OF ROCKS, A SMALL BOY LAY HIDDEN?

I'M AFRAID IT'S USELESS! YOU'LL NEVER FIND HIM!

I GOTTA FIND HIM... MEBBE I COULD STILL DIG HIM OUT IF I KNEW WHERE HE WAS! BUT ---LOOK, JOHNSON! OVER THERE AMONG THE ROCKS!





**THERE IT LAY...THE OLD ROMAN COIN...**

THAT'S THE THING HE WAS SO SET ON...AND IT MEANS THAT HE CAN'T BE FAR AWAY! LET'S DIG THERE!



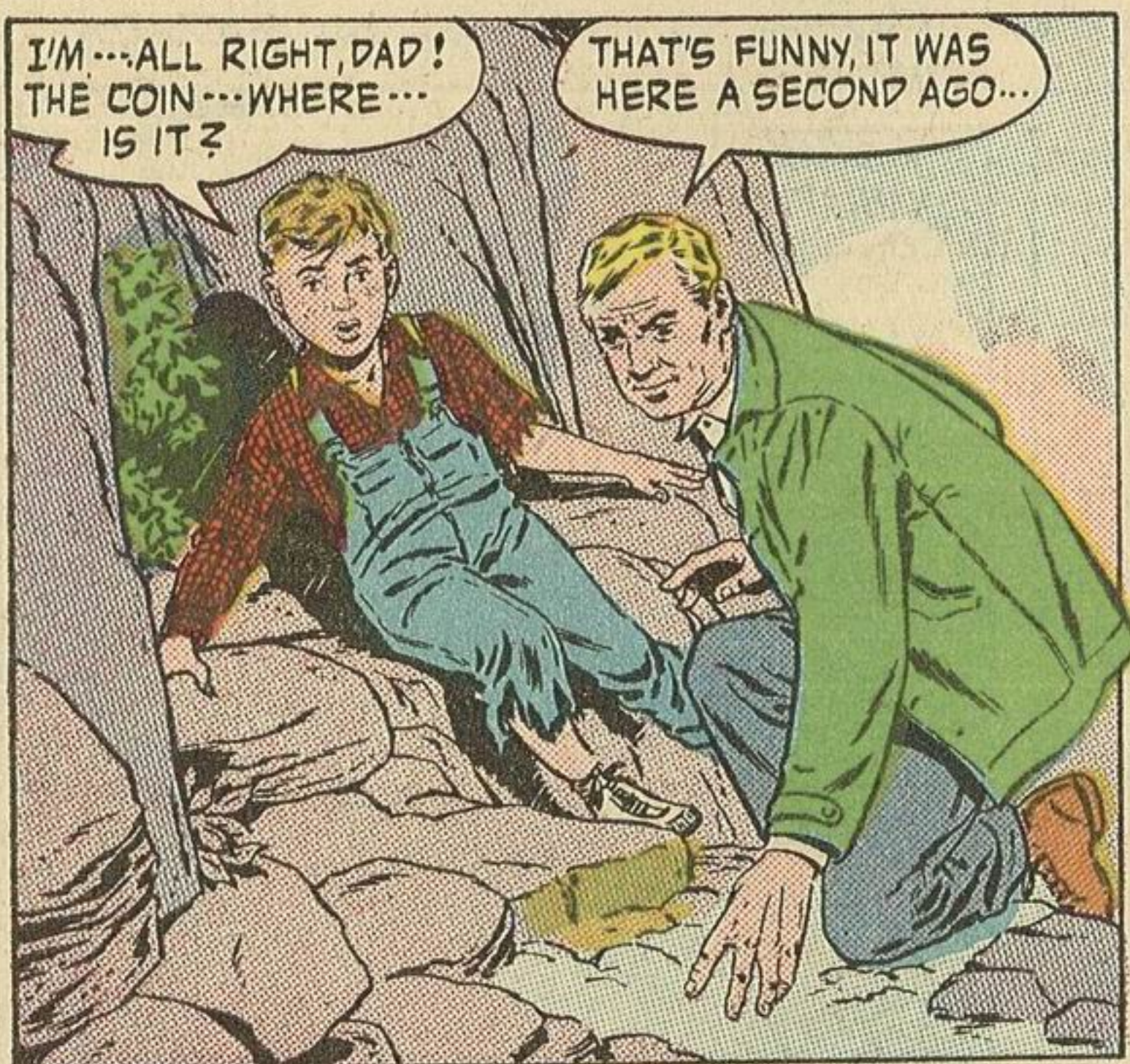
**AND WITHIN A MATTER OF DESPERATE MINUTES...**

HE...HE MAY BE HURT... BUT HE'S STILL ALIVE, THANK THE LORD!



I'M...ALL RIGHT, DAD! THE COIN...WHERE... IS IT?

THAT'S FUNNY, IT WAS HERE A SECOND AGO...



...BUT NOW IT'S GONE!



The YEARS PASSED... TED, A GROWN MAN NOW, HAD LONG SINCE FORGOTTEN THE OLD ROMAN COIN! AN ELEVATOR MECHANIC, HE'D BEEN CALLED IN ON A JOB IN A LARGE OFFICE BUILDING...

WHAT'S WRONG WITH HER?

DUNNO...POWER JUST FAILED AND LEFT HER STRANDED! YOU'LL HAVE TO WORK DOWN IN THE PIT...THAT'S WHERE THE CONTROL BOXES ARE!



HMMM...IT'S ONLY A BLOWN FUSE! I'VE GOT ANOTHER ONE IN THE TRUCK... BETTER CRAWL UP OUT OF HERE AND...



**SUDDENLY...AT THAT MOMENT...**

**LOOK OUT! THE BRAKES ARE SLIPPING...SHE'S GOING DOWN!**





**HORROR-STRICKEN, TED GAZED UPWARD TOWARD HIS APPROACHING DOOM! TRAPPED, HE REMEMBERED THAT IN TRYING THE CAR'S CONTROLS, HE'D LEFT THEM IN 'THE "UP" POSITION...**



A FUSE WOULD TURN ON THE POWER, SEND THE CAR UP...AND **SAVE ME!** IF ONLY THERE WAS SOMETHING I COULD INSERT THAT COULD TAKE THE PLACE OF THE FUSE...

FROM THE FLOOR OF THE PIT CAME THE DULL GLINT OF METAL...SOMETHING ROUND AND JUST ABOUT THE RIGHT SIZE! WITH DEATH STARING HIM IN THE FACE, HE ACTED...**FAST!**



IT'S CURTAINS...UNLESS...

HE JAMMED THE OBJECT INTO THE FUSE BOX! THERE WAS A WHIRR OF RETURNING POWER...AND IN THE NICK OF TIME, THE ELEVATOR ROSE!



WHEN! BOY, WAS I LUCKY!

HE LOOKED TO SEE WHAT IT WAS THAT HAD SAVED HIM! AMAZINGLY...



IT'S...SOME SORT OF COIN...**HOLY SMOKE!** SOMEWHERE I'VE SEEN IT...I REMEMBER NOW! WHEN I WAS A KID, AND MET THAT STRANGE **OSWALD FORTUNE** CHARACTER...IT'S THE **OLD ROMAN COIN!**

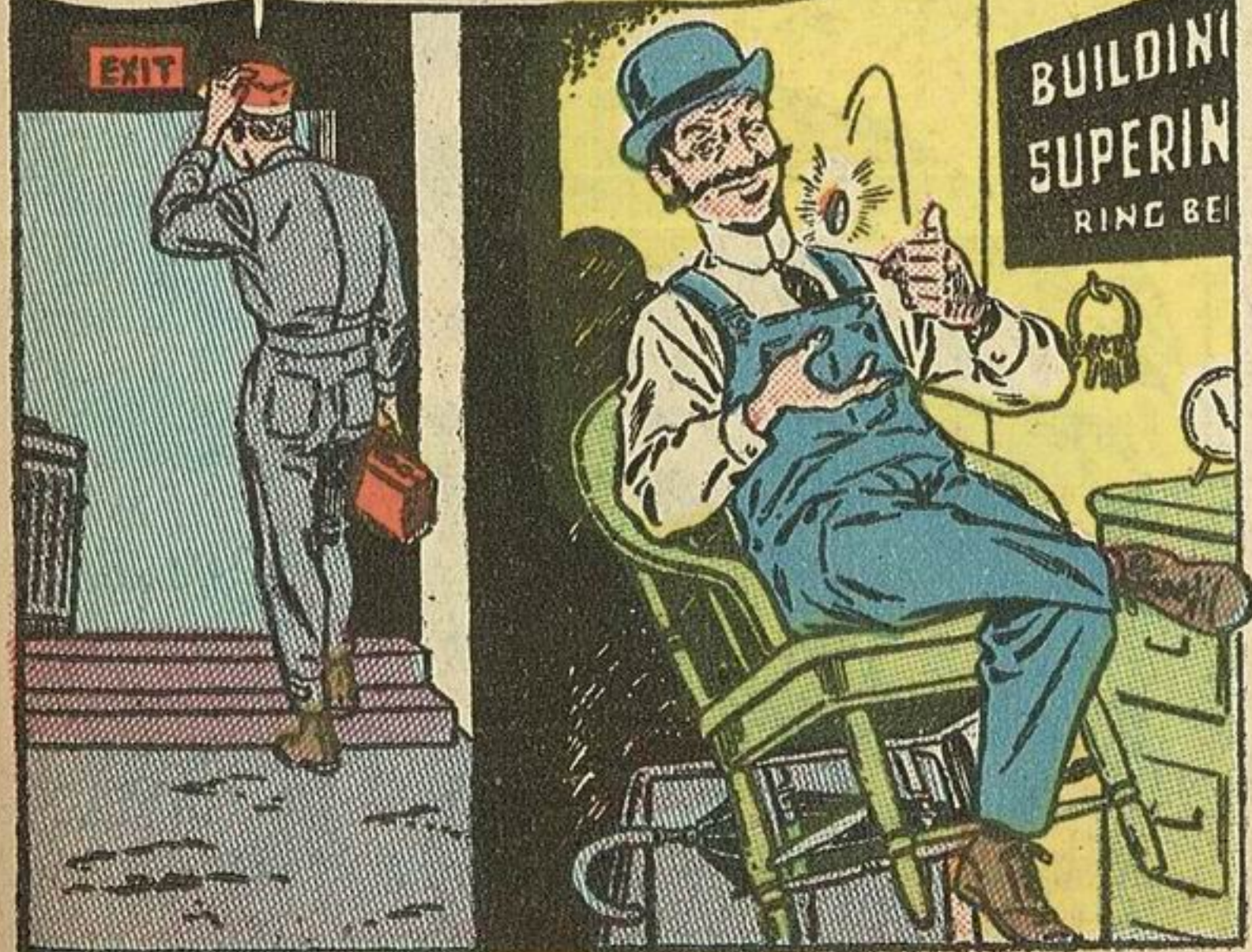
THIS TIME, HE WAS DETERMINED, HE WOULDN'T LOSE POSSESSION OF IT AGAIN! BUT WHEN HE RETURNED WITH THE PROPER FUSE...



I'M TELLING YOU THAT OLD COIN WAS IN THE FUSE BOX...AND NOW IT'S **GONE!**

DON'T ASK ME, MISTER! I DON'T EVEN KNOW WHAT YOU'RE TALKIN' ABOUT!

IT BEATS ALL HOW THAT THING SEEMS TO **DISAPPEAR**...ALMOST AS IF A GUY CAN'T KEEP HOLD OF IT PERMANENTLY!



BUILDING SUPERIN RING BE

ONCE AGAIN, THE YEARS PASSED! IT WAS WARTIME NOW...AND ON A PACIFIC ISLAND, TED NICHOLS WAS GOING INTO ACTION FOR THE FIRST TIME...



THIS...THIS WHOLE ISLAND'S ALIVE WITH JAPS! I DON'T MIND ADMITTIN' I'M **SCARED!**

ME TOO! I CAN'T HELP THINKING I'M GONNA NEED **LUCK** TO COME THROUGH **THIS!**



BUT TED HAD COURAGE...HE WAS IN THE VAN OF EVERY CHARGE...

LET'S TAKE 'EM, FELLAS!

BAM!

WELL, WE DID IT, TED!

YEAH, BUT THERE'S STILL LOTS TO GO BEFORE WE CLEAR OUT THE NIPS! ...HEY, HERE'S A SWELL SOUVENIR!

GOSH, SHE'S PRETTY!

ALL RIGHT, SOLDIER, PUT IT IN YOUR POCKET AND LET'S GET MOVING! WE'VE GOT OBJECTIVES AHEAD!

OH-OH...THERE'S A LOT OF SHOOTING UP AHEAD! I'LL KEEP MY AMMUNITION DRY AND MY FINGERS CROSSED...AND HOPE THAT I DON'T GET IT!

I GOT A FUNNY FEELING AT THE BASE OF MY SPINE... AS IF I WASN'T ALONE!

OH-HH!

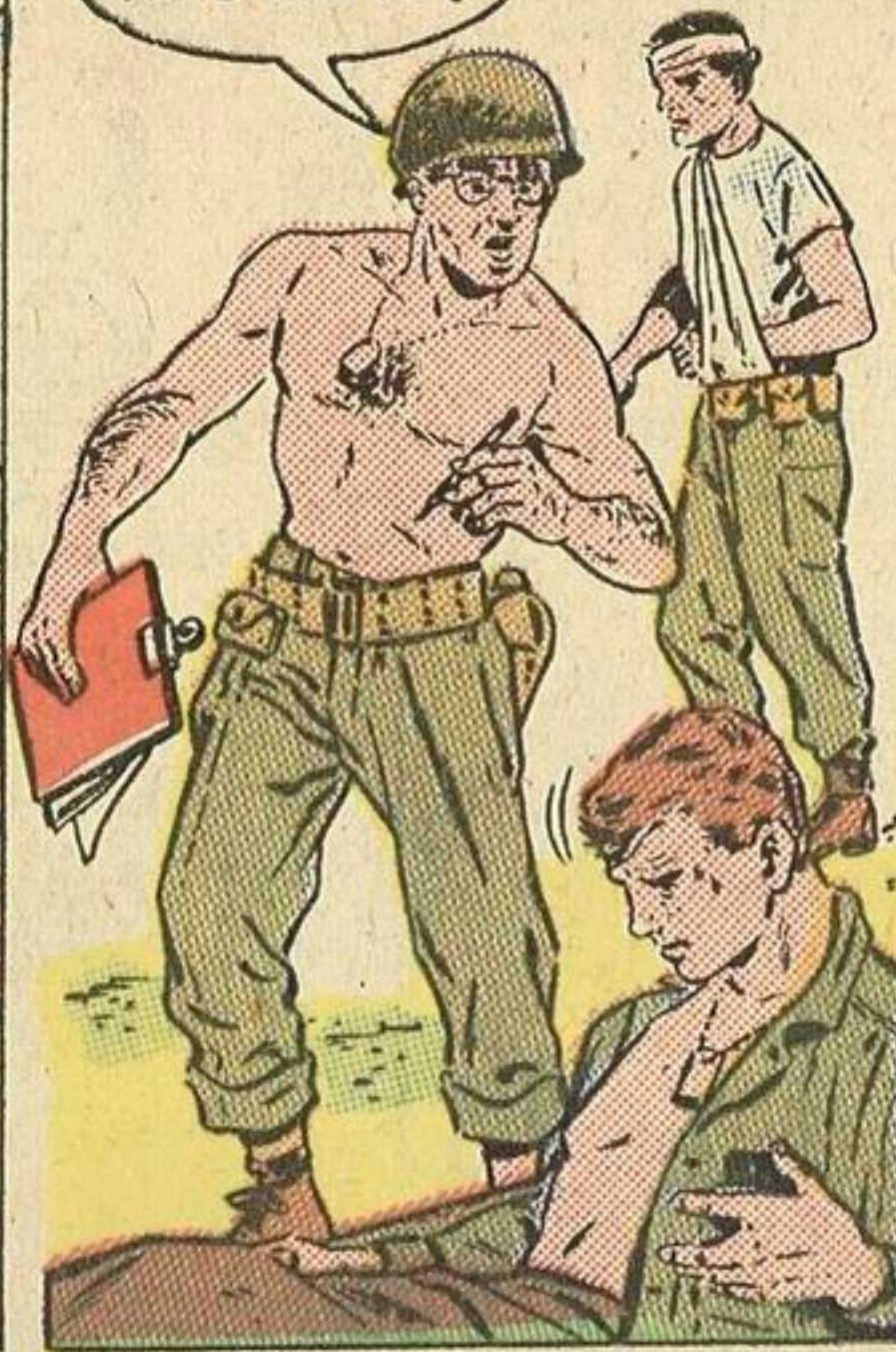
BAM!



WE'RE WASTIN' TIME, RUSHIN' **THIS** GUY TO THE MEDICOS SO FAST! HE'S DEAD...LOOK WHERE THE BULLET WENT IN!



WHAT THE...  
**HE'S ALIVE!**



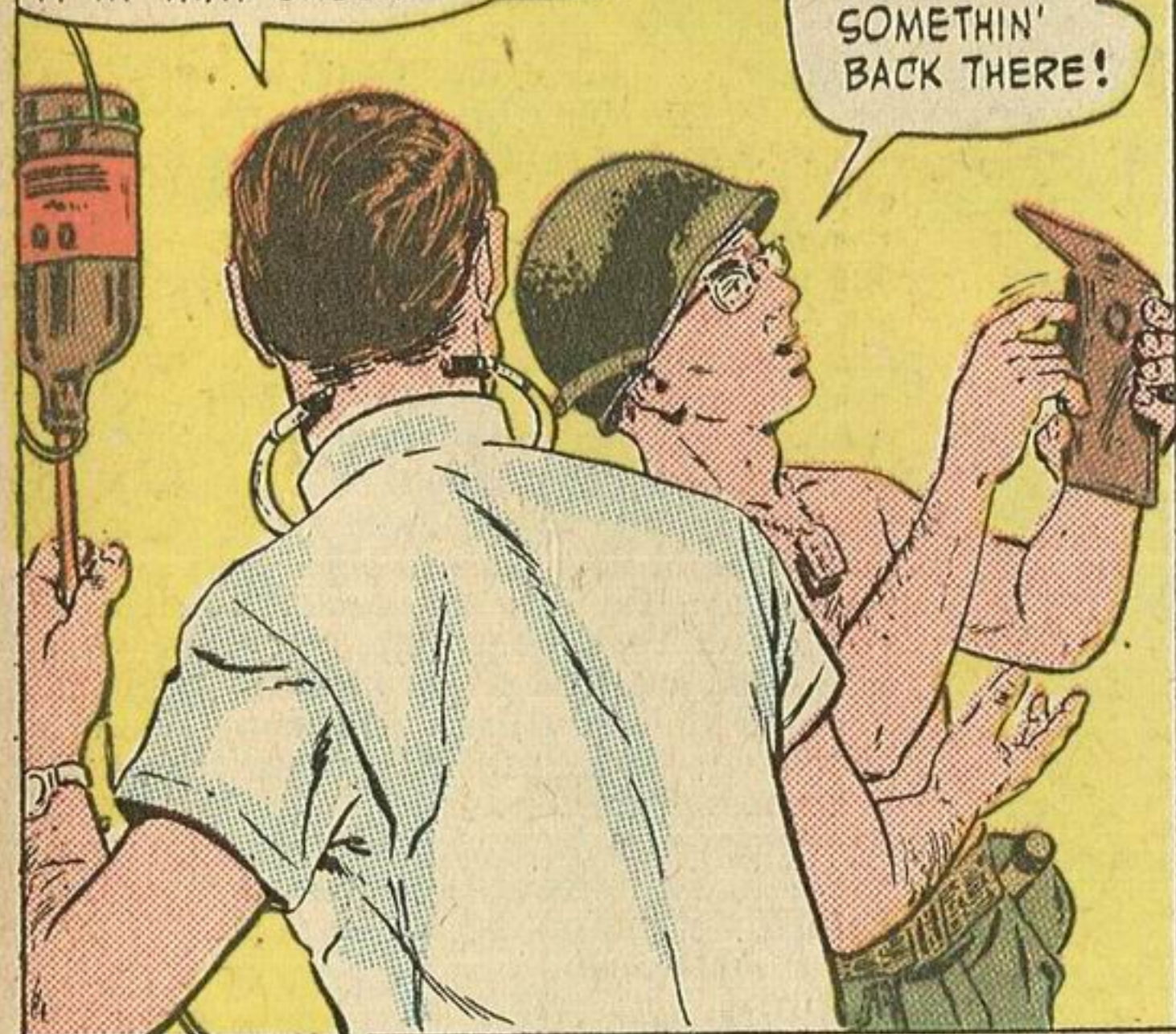
FROM HIS BREAST POCKET, THEY REMOVED THE "SOUVENIR"...

HERE'S THE BULLET! THE SHOCK OF IT KNOCKED HIM OUT, BUT IT DIDN'T GO THROUGH! THIS PICTURE MUSTA STOPPED IT!

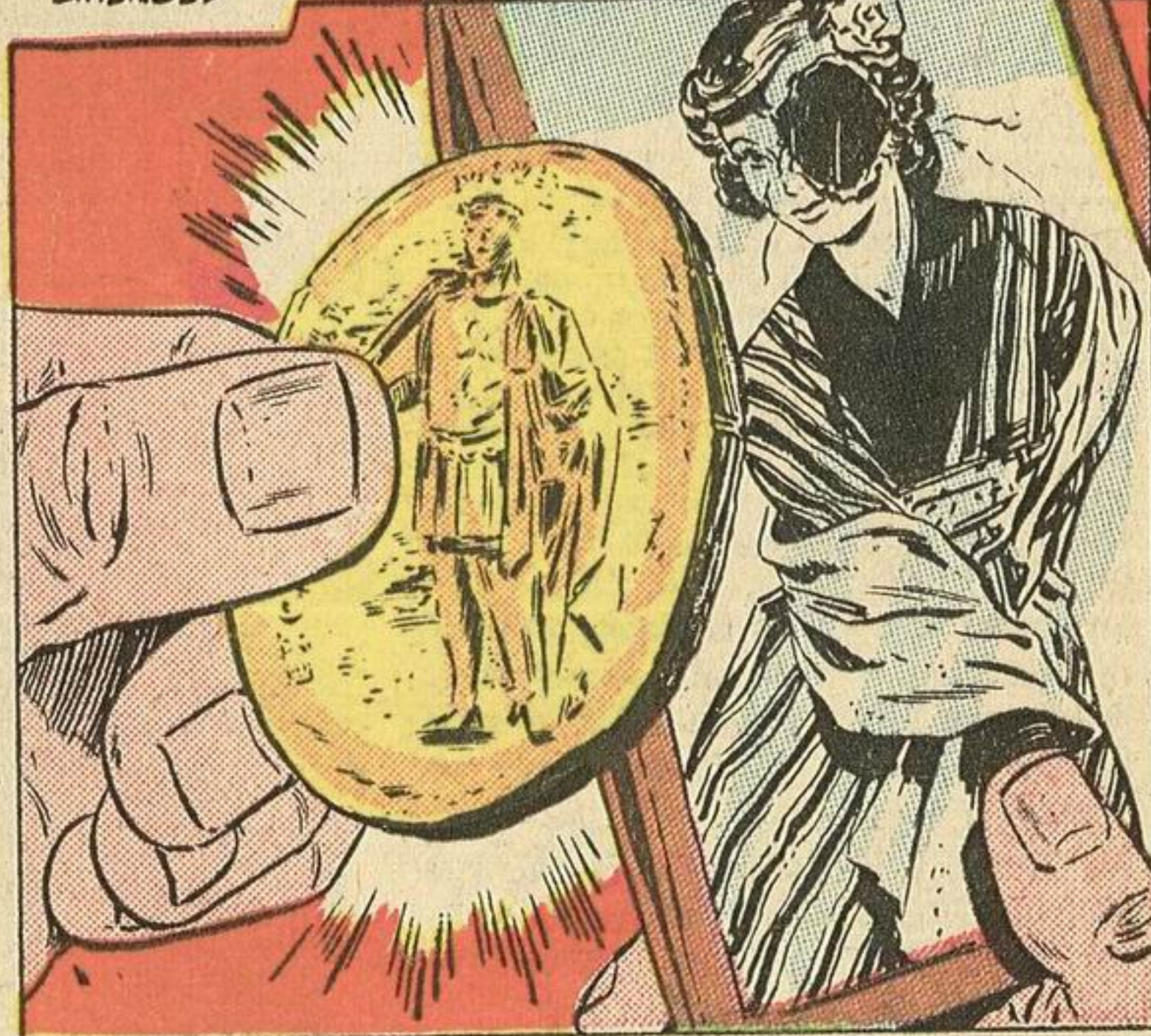


BUT A PICTURE COULDN'T STOP A BULLET! ARE YOU SURE THERE WASN'T SOMETHING **BEHIND** IT IN THAT CASE?

WAIT, I'LL LOOK!...  
YEAH, DOC, YOU WERE **RIGHT!**  
THERE **IS** SOMETHIN' BACK THERE!



AND FROM THE DEPTHS OF THE PICTURE'S CASE, THERE EMERGED...



**M**INUTES LATER, WHEN TED LEARNED WHAT HAD SAVED HIS LIFE...

WHERE IS IT...THE OLD ROMAN COIN? I...I'VE GOT TO HAVE IT...I CAN'T LOSE IT **AGAIN!**

GOSH, I DON'T KNOW...IT JUST **DISAPPEARED!**  
...DID **YOU** SEE IT, DOC?

OF **COURSE** NOT!



HOW MANY, MANY YEARS AGO IT WAS THAT I TOLD HIM...THAT GOOD FORTUNE CAN ONLY BE **LENT!**  
THE **OLD ROMAN COIN** COMES ONLY WHEN YOU NEED IT MOST...AND NOW SOMEONE **ELSE** MAY HAVE NEED OF IT!



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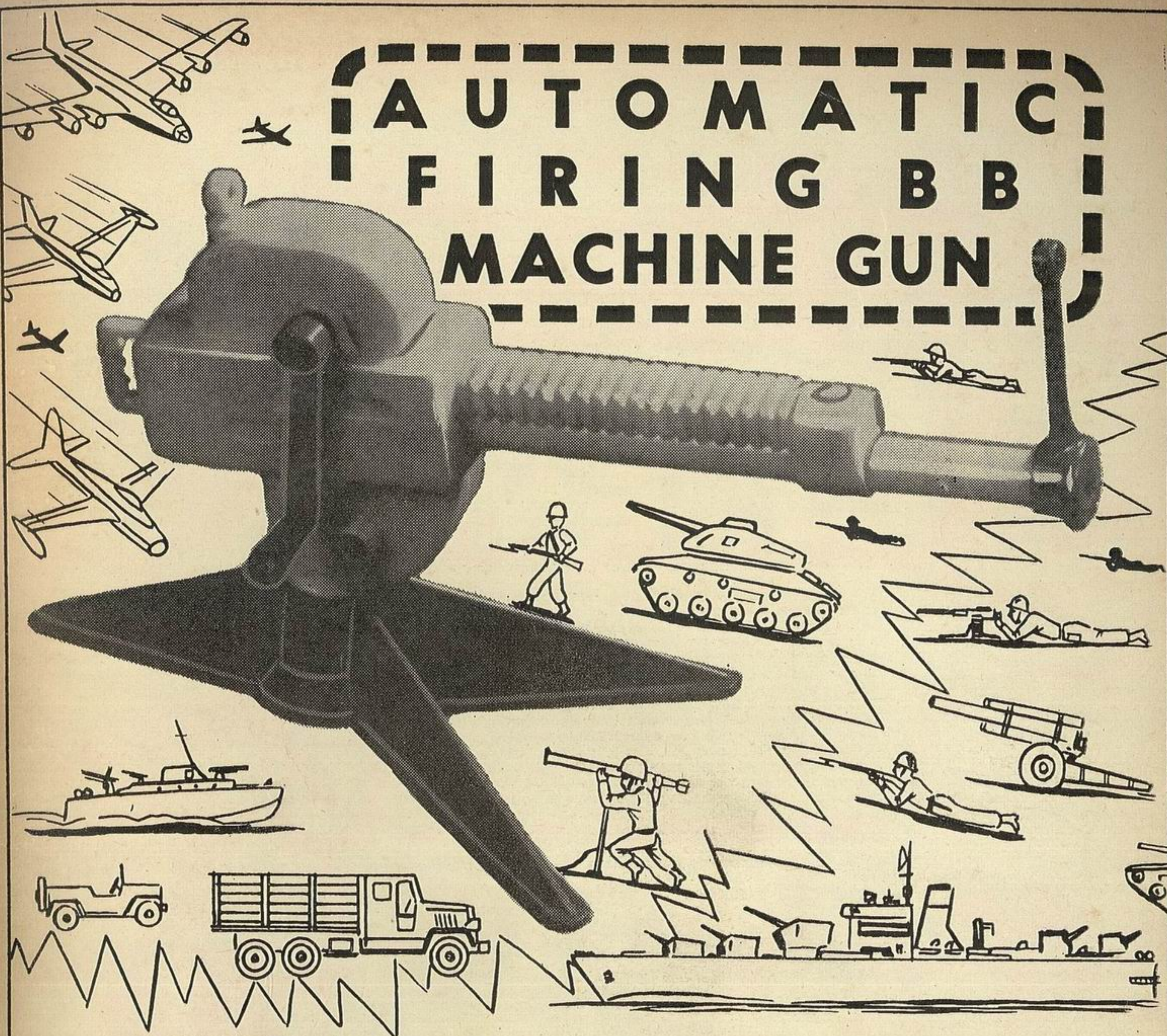
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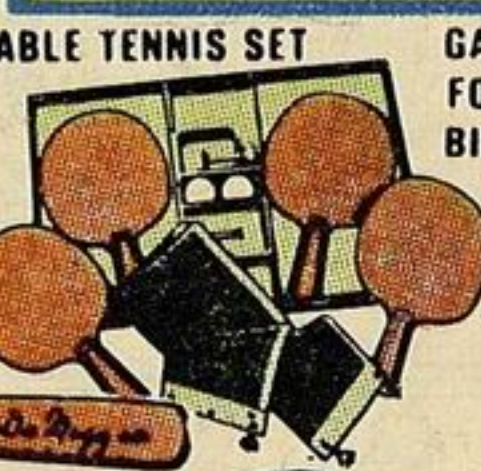
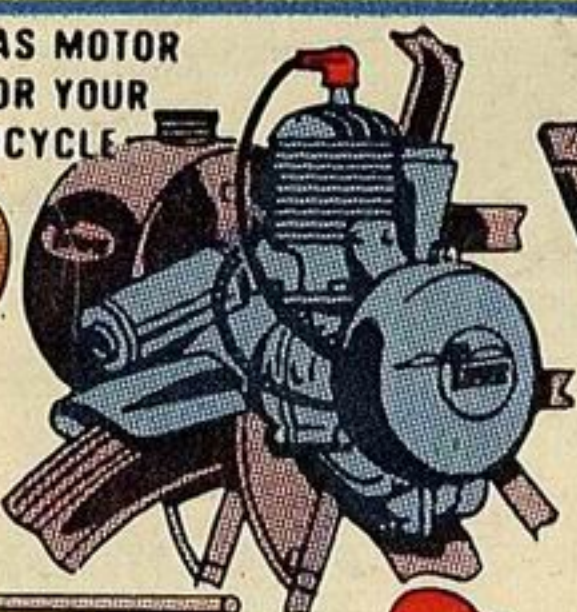




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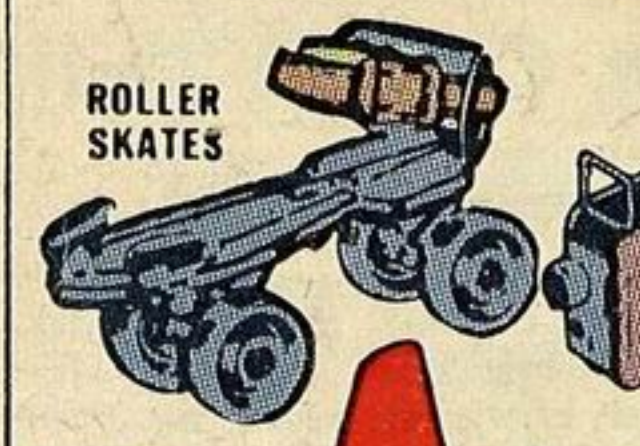
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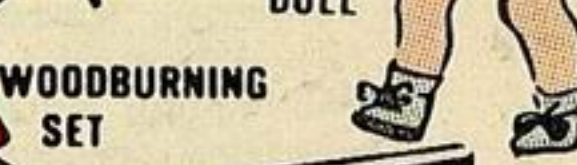
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